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Man Pleads Guilty to Crashing Car while Drunk



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOHN FRANK WALTERS, 37, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On October 11, 2015, at approximately 7:45 p.m., in the area of Cohoes Road, Colonie Police Department received a call from a concerned citizen regarding a possible drunk driver. Colonie Police located the vehicle, being driven by WALTERS. The vehicle had major front end damage and WALTERS admitted to being involved in a crash. WALTERS then failed the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. He was found to have marijuana in his possession and later registered a Blood Alcohol content of .20%.

WALTERS faces 1-3 years in State Prison when he is sentenced on January 23, 2016. He also faces paying a \$1,000 fine, being subject to 1 year minimum license revocation, which is subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles, attendance at a Victim Impact Panel, and maintaining an Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years following his release from custody.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter is prosecuting this case.

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