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## **Man Sentenced for Check Fraud**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that BRUCE WASHINGTON, 58, of Rochester, NY, was sentenced to 2 to 4 Years in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning. WASHINGTON was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,771.

On November 14, 2016, WASHINGTON pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

On February 23, 2016, at approximately 1:31 P.M., WASHINGTON entered a Citizens Bank located on Osborne Road in the Town of Colonie while possessing a counterfeit check. WASHINGTON attempted to cash the fraudulent check but the bank detected the activity and the transaction was cancelled.

Assistant District Attorney Shadi Masri of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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