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McDonald's Robber Pleads Guilty



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSE RIVERA JR, 39, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On the morning of August 4, 2014, RIVERA entered a McDonald's in the Town of Colonie in which he was employed. Inside RIVERA did unlawfully attempt to rob the restaurant with what appeared to be a gun, but stopped when an employee of the McDonald's recognized his voice and asked him to stop. RIVERA then struck the employee and fled. The incident was caught on surveillance video and RIVERA confessed to law enforcement.

RIVERA faces 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on November 20, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Linda Griggs of the Public Integrity Bureau is handling the prosecution of this case.

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