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## **Men Arraigned for Strong Arm Robbery**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that ASHRAF ABDULLAH, 24, SAMBA DIALLO, 21, and DENG MATHAYO, 21, all of Albany, were arraigned this morning on (3) Counts of Robbery in the Second Degree, Class C Violent Felonies, (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, and (1) Count of Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, by Honorable Judge Dan Lamont in Albany County Court.

The indictment alleges that on October 29, 2012, at approximately 7:05 p.m., at 381 South Pearl Street, in the City of Albany, the three defendants did restrain and repeatedly strike a store clerk with hands, a glass bottle and what appeared to be a handgun. The three defendants did then tie and gag the store clerk in the back room using duct tape and rope.

After the clerk was restrained, the three defendants continued to punch the clerk and struck him in the face repeatedly with what appeared to be a handgun, causing the skin on the clerk's forehead just above the eye to split open and breaking his nose. The defendants did steal property from the store and cash from the victim's pocket.

The Albany Police led this investigation.

Assistant District Attorney David Gonzalez is handling the prosecution of this case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

*All charged individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.*

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