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Prison Sentence for Drunk Driver with Child in the Car



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that SHONTEL YOUNG, 39, of Albany, was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning. YOUNG was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, in addition to having a mandatory Ignition Interlock Device installed for 3 years, a minimum 1 year license revocation subject to the Department of Motor Vehicle determinations, and a required completion of the Victim Impact Panel and Drinking Driver Programs.

On November 1, 2016, YOUNG pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated with a Child in the Vehicle, a Class E Felony.

On September 24, 2016, at approximately 8:46 P.M., while driving on I-90 in the City of Albany, YOUNG was stopped for a traffic violation. Upon closer inspection, officers detected the odor of alcohol in the vehicle. YOUNG failed several field sobriety tests, and was found to have a BAC of .10%. After turning over his license, it was also found that YOUNG was driving with a revoked license.

This is a Leandra's Law Case as YOUNG was driving with a passenger who was 14 years old.

At the time of the offense YOUNG was under the supervision of the Department of Parole stemming from a 2013 drug possession conviction.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter prosecuted this case.

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