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Repeat DWI Offenders Heading to Prison for Having up to Four Times the BAC Limit

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that BRIAN BURKINS, 46, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, today before the Honorable Joseph C. Teresi in Albany County Court.

On March 15, 2012 BURKINS did operate a vehicle the wrong way on the one way portion of Lexington Avenue in the City of Albany while having a blood alcohol content of .15%, nearly double the legal limit under New York State Law. This was BURKINS' fifth alcohol related conviction.

BURKINS faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison, license revocation, Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years upon release from custody, and \$1,520 in fines and surcharges when sentenced on July 10, 2012.

The District Attorney also announced that MICHAEL LAMANNA, 57, of Colonie, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony today before the Honorable Thomas Breslin in Albany County Court.

On March 28, 2012 LAMANNA was observed operating a vehicle and committing various traffic infractions by Colonie Police Officers. Officers attempted to pull the car over and LAMANNA increased speed and rear-ended another vehicle. No one in the other vehicle was seriously injured. LAMANNA was found to have a blood alcohol content of .33%. This is LAMANNA's fifth alcohol related conviction.

LAMANNA is facing a sentence of 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison, license revocation, Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years upon release from custody, and \$1,520 in fines and surcharges when sentenced on June 26, 2012.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner Richter prosecuted these cases.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

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