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Repeat Drugged Driver Pleads Guilty



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSEPH HUMIK, 35, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty to Driving While Ability Impaired, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

On June 13, 2014, at about 10:50pm, HUMIK crashed a motor vehicle on the ramp from Alternate Route 7 to Route 9 in the Town of Colonie while his ability was impaired by drugs. Police responded and determined that HUMIK was under the influence of narcotics. A further laboratory analysis of HUMIK's blood confirmed this finding, showing the presence of Alprazolam and MDMA in his system. At the time of this arrest HUMIK was under the

supervision of Probation for a previous felony conviction of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs. On January 19, 2013, HUMIK was found passed out in the driver seat of a vehicle in the City of Cohoes. Police revived HUMIK and determined that he was under the influence of a narcotic analgesic and in possession of suboxone strips. HUMIK was convicted in September 17, 2013 and sentenced to 5 years of Felony Probation and 20 days of Community Service, in addition to court fees and fines.

HUMIK faces 1 2/3 to 5 years in State Prison when sentenced on September 23, 2014, in addition to a concurrent sentence of 1 to 3 years in State Prison for the Violation of Probation charge.

“This defendant has proven that he cannot be trusted to operate a motor vehicle in Albany County,” commented DA David Soares. “We hope this sentence removes him from our community so that he may no longer place others in danger.”

Assistant District Attorney Melinda Seiden of the Vehicular Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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