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Repeat Drugged Driver Sentenced



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSEPH HUMIK, 35, of Cohoes, was sentenced to 1 2/3 to 5 years in State Prison before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday morning for a drugged driving charge. In addition, HUMIK was sentenced to a concurrent term of 1 to 3 years in State Prison for a Violation of Probation charge.

On July 30, 2014 HUMIK pleaded guilty to Driving While Ability Impaired, a Class D Felony.

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. The previous case stemmed from an incident on January 19, 2013 where 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 on September 17, 2013 and sentenced to 5 years of Felony Probation and 20 days of Community Service, in addition to court fees and fines.

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

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