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## Repeat Drunk Driver Sentenced to State Prison



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSEPH PERRETTA, 45, of Albany, was sentenced to 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison before the Honorable Roger McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On June 12, 2014, PERRETTA pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony.

On September 9, 2013, on Traditional Lane in the Town of Colonie, the Colonie Police Department received a call about a reckless driver who hit several mailboxes and drove over

multiple laws. The defendant then fell asleep in the car and was awoken when officers arrived, who detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverages coming from his breath. The defendant, then identified as PERRETTA, could not stand on his own, and was slurring his speech. Additionally, he told officers that he was employed at the New York State Senate as a driver, which when investigated by officers turned out to be false. While in custody, he registered a BAC of .28%.

Then, on December 1, 2013, members of Colonie Police Department observed PERRETTA running a red light in the Town of Colonie and pulled him over. When they spoke with him, he exhibited multiple physical signs of intoxication that admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages. At the time of his arrest his license was suspended.

PERRETTA was also sentenced to pay a \$2,000 fine, and was ordered to have his license revoked for a minimum of 1 year after release from custody, subject to Department of Motor Vehicles Guidelines.

Assistant District Attorney Melinda Seiden-Fiorino prosecuted this case.

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