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Sentencing for Car Theft



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JEFFREY RAYMOND, 50, of Rensselaer, was sentenced to 1 ½ to 3 years in State Prison before Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On October 24, 2014, the Rensselaer City Police Department received a complaint of a stolen 2008 Pontiac G6 car from a Stewarts Shop parking lot. Two days later near Westerlo and Green Streets in the City of Albany, members of the Albany Police Department registered a hit for a stolen vehicle on a license plate reader and observed RAYMOND driving the previously reported stolen vehicle.

On December 3, 2014, RAYMOND pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony.

Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner-Richter, Bureau Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, prosecuted this case.

As a reminder, the winter months in Albany County require heightened attention to car safety, both on and off the road. The cold weather provides new opportunities for criminals to prey on innocent people, and the Albany County District Attorney's Office, along with our Vehicular Crimes Unit, would like to provide some tips on how to avoid being a victim of automotive theft. Many car thefts are crimes of opportunity; try to avoid giving criminals that opportunity.

- 1) Always lock your car when you are leaving it unattended. Most cars that have been stolen were unlocked when they were taken.**
- 2) Do not leave your car running unattended with the keys in the ignition. Not only does this make it easier for car thieves to quickly get into your car and get away, but it is also illegal in New York and you could be ticketed.**
- 3) Never have your car repaired by someone you don't know or who is not a board certified mechanic in a licensed repair shop. Con men often approach victims offering a reduced rate for cash payments.**
- 4) Don't think you're out of a criminal's eye if you drive an old car. Parts from old cars are still in high demand.**

For More Information on Car Theft Please Visit the Vehicular Crimes [Homepage](#)

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