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Sentencing for Leandra's Law Violation in Albany



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that TARA KIRKER, 37, of Albany, was sentenced to 1 1/3- 4 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Ignition Interlock through Probation, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On October 16 2017, KIRKER pleaded guilty to an entire indictment including charges of (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated; child in Vehicle, a Class E Felony, (1) Count of

Driving While Intoxicated, Per se, a Misdemeanor, (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Consumption or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages in Certain Motor Vehicles, a Traffic Infraction.

On August 25, 2016, at approximately 9:42 PM, while traveling on various streets, in the City of Albany, KIRKER operated a vehicle while in an intoxicated condition, while a child passenger was in the vehicle. While traveling through the City of Albany, KIRKER drove past two stop signs, and was brought to a traffic stop by Albany Police. During a subsequent investigation after the stop, officers observed KIRKER to be intoxicated and found open alcoholic beverage containers in the vehicle. KIRKER failed field sobriety tests and was found to have a BAC of .09.

This is a Leandra's Law Case, as KIRKER was driving with a 9 year old in the vehicle.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter prosecuted this case.

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