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## **Sentencing in Knife Wielding Colonie Road Rage Case**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DEONDRE GRIFFIN, 31, of Albany, was sentenced to 90 Days in the Albany County Correctional Facility, to be followed by a term of 5 years of Felony Probation, before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On May 17, 2016, GRIFFIN pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony.

On March 24, 2016, at approximately 2:43pm, on I-87 in the Town of Colonie, GRIFFIN was driving northbound when another motorist merged in front his vehicle on the highway. GRIFFIN proceeded to follow the other motorist, ultimately passed the vehicle, and then brought his vehicle to a dead stop in the middle of the highway directly in front of it. GRIFFIN then exited his vehicle and approached the other car with a knife. GRIFFIN then slammed the handle of the knife repeatedly on the window and verbally threatened the occupant of the other vehicle. In the process of slamming the knife on the car, GRIFFIN cut himself and bled profusely on the victim's car window. GRIFFIN then drove away from the scene and committed an illegal turn in the area of Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie. Colonie Police officers witnessed GRIFFIN's illegal turn and began a traffic stop. As a result of that stop GRIFFIN was found to be in possession of the knife he used to attack the other car. Colonie Police officers arrested GRIFFIN and placed him in the back of a police patrol vehicle. After being placed in the vehicle, GRIFFIN repeatedly kicked the door of the police vehicle causing damage to the vehicle.

GRIFFIN will be required to pay \$2,625.00 in restitution to the Town of Colonie Police Department. In addition, GRIFFIN must abide by a No Contact Order of Protection for the victim in the case.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Street Crime Unit prosecuted this case.

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