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Sentencing in Menands DWI Case



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that I-LASON WILLIS, 26, of Troy, NY, was sentenced to 6 months in the Albany County Correctional Facility, to be followed by 5 years of Probation, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

This sentence will run consecutive to the sentence imposed for a separate conviction in Rensselaer County.

Additionally, WILLIS will be subject to a revocation of his driver's license for a minimum of 12 months, subject to the determinations of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 5 years upon release from custody, attend a Victim Impact Panel and Impaired Driver Program, and pay a \$1,000 fine.

On March 27, 2019, WILLIS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony.

On January 19, 2019, at approximately 4:22 A.M., members of the New York State Police were dispatched for a parked vehicle in the lane of the Interstate 787 Exit 7W off ramp in the Village of Menands. Upon arrival, officers discovered WILLIS unconscious behind the wheel with the engine running. Numerous attempts were made to wake him up. When he did wake up, WILLIS drove off onto State Route 378 before pulling over. WILLIS failed standardized field sobriety tests at the scene and stated he previously had 3 drinks and 2 shots. Toxicology reports revealed WILLIS had a blood alcohol content of .12% approximately one hour after the stop.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner- Richter handled the prosecution of this case.

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