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## Sentencing in Westerlo Attempted Rape Case



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MICHAEL DICKERSHAID**, 25, of Westerlo, was sentenced to 6 years in State Prison, to be followed by 15 years of Post-Release Supervision before the Honorable Roger A. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this past Friday, June 24, 2016.

On April 21, 2016, **DICKERSHAID** pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Rape in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony.

Between August 13, 2015 and August 14, 2015 in the area of Slade Hill Road in the Town of

Westerlo, DICKERSHAID did engage in forcible sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old female who was known to him. Albany County Sherriff's Deputies arrested DICKERSHAID following an investigation out of Schoharie County involving a missing person's report filed for the victim in this case. At the time of the incident, DICKERSHAID was aware of the age of the victim.

DICKERSHAID will be required to register as a Sexual Offender when he is released from custody.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

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