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Stalker Sentenced After Trial

Defendant Jayshawn Owens Arrested
Mid-Trial for New Stalking Charge



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JAYSHAWN OWENS, 25, of Albany, was sentenced to 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On June 16, 2014, OWENS was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Stalking in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony.

On July 9, 2013, Albany Police responded to a call to assist a female victim who reported that a stranger was repeatedly following her in his car while she was jogging in the area of Warren Street and Ryckman Avenue in the City of Albany. OWENS attempted to flee from responding officers and was apprehended in front of a home on the 800 block of Park Avenue. OWENS was previously convicted of the crime of Stalking in the Fourth Degree on December 12, 2007, which allowed police to elevate the charges to Stalking in the Second Degree.

OWENS had previously posted \$25,000 bail for this charge and was out of custody during the trial, which began on June 9, 2014. On Thursday, June 12th, the fourth night of trial, OWENS was arrested by the Albany Police Department and charged with (2) Counts of Stalking in the Second Degree, both Class E Felonies. He was arraigned in Albany City Court and was remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail.

Assistant District Attorney Brett Knowles of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

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All parties are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty

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