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State Prison Sentence for Two Separate Albany “Traveler” Cases



MARK SCHMIDT



GORDON DARROW

ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that two individuals were sentenced to State Prison this week for their respective roles in separate incidents involving attempts to engage in sexual acts with a minor.

MARK SCHMIDT, 69, of Altamont, was sentenced to 2 ½ years in State Prison, to be followed by 10 years of Post- Release Supervision, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning. Upon release, SCHMIDT will have to register as a sex offender.

On October 11, 2018, SCHMIDT pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Rape in the Second Degree, and (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Act in the Second Degree, both Class E Felonies.

On December 2, 2017, SCHMIDT traveled to the SpringHill Suites by Marriott in the Town of Colonie, in an attempt to engage in sexual and oral intercourse with a person who he believed to be a fourteen year old girl. SCHMIDT had previously responded to a Craig's List Ad and engaged in a conversation with a person he believed to be the stepfather of a fourteen year old girl and discussed engaging in sexual acts with the child. The person on the other end of the online conversation was actually a member of law enforcement.

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

Additionally, GORDON DARROW, 57, of Glenmont, was sentenced to 2 years in State Prison, to be followed by 10 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court yesterday morning. DARROW will also have to register as a sex offender upon release from State Prison.

On October 10, 2018, DARROW pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Disseminating Indecent Material to Minors in the First Degree as a Sexually Motivated Class E Felony.

On June 9, 2017, DARROW engaged in an online conversation with a person who he believed to be a fourteen year old girl. During the chat, DARROW sent lewd photographs as well as videos. DARROW then drove from Amsterdam, NY, to the Town of Colonie to engage in sexual contact with said child. The person on the other end of the online conversation was actually a member of law enforcement.

Assistant District Attorney Caroline Murray of the Special Victims Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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