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## **State Prison Sentence on TD Bank Check Fraud Scheme**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that GERMAINE MONTES, 28, of Albany, NY, was sentenced to 4 to 8 years in State Prison before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On June 4, 2018, MONTES was found guilty after a jury trial of (3) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, all Class D Felonies.

On three separate dates in November 2014, January 2015, and March 2015, MONTES possessed forged checks and deposited them into bank accounts of people known to him at TD Banks located throughout the County of Albany. He then withdrew money from the accounts to benefit from the scheme. The total of the forged checks was valued at over \$15,000.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Mastaitis and Assistant District Attorney Shadi Masri of the Financial Crimes Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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