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State Prison for Bank of America Robbery and Illegal Gun Possession



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that PHILLIP WATTS, 23, of Albany, was sentenced to 2-6 years in State Prison before Judge Dan Lamont in Albany

Supreme Court this morning. WATTS previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the Third Degree.

In addition, WATTS was sentenced to 3 years in State Prison, to be served consecutively, after pleading guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony.

On July 26, 2012, WATTS entered a Bank of America branch in Guilderland and passed the bank teller a note demanding money. The bank teller handed the money to WATTS, who then left the bank. WATTS was apprehended shortly after the robbery by the Guilderland Police Department.

On January 29, 2012, WATTS was stopped by the Albany Police Department for a vehicle and traffic violation in the City of Albany. Police officers detected the presence of marijuana, and upon closer inspection of the vehicle discovered a loaded .380 semi-automatic pistol in WATTS' possession.

Assistant District Attorney Dan Lynch of the Street Crimes Bureau handled the prosecution of the case.

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