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Three Albany Men Sentenced to State Prison for Gun Possession



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today there were several defendants sentenced this week Albany County Supreme Court stemming from illegal gun possession arrests.

RAYSHEEN FRANKLIN, 39, of Albany, was sentenced to 5 years in State Prison and 5 years of Post-Release supervision on January 2, 2013. On November 27, 2012, FRANKLIN pleaded

guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, before the Honorable Joseph Teresi.

On September 26, 2012, FRANKLIN was operating a motor vehicle on Central Avenue in the City of Albany when he was pulled over by police. Upon a search of the vehicle, police found a loaded .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol underneath the hood of the vehicle. The firearm was reported stolen in April 2012 to the New York State Police.

In addition, FRANKLIN had an active warrant from New York State Division of Parole. FRANKLIN also faces criminal sanctions from the New York State Division of Parole which will run consecutive to the above mentioned sentence.

Additionally, DANIEL REYES, 32, of Albany, was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in State Prison on January 3, 2013. On September 27, 2012, REYES pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick.

On January 19, 2012, REYES was observed receiving 3 pounds of marijuana in the mail outside of his residence in the City of Albany. When police executed a search warrant in REYES' residence, a loaded defaced .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol was recovered.

Finally, THOMAS HARDIE, 52, of Albany, was sentenced to 3 ½ to 7 years in State Prison January 3, 2013. On November 20, 2012, HARDIE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick.

On April 26, 2011, HARDIE had several friends over to his apartment on Clinton Avenue. An argument ensued, causing his guests to leave HARDIE's apartment. Shortly after, one of the guests went back to HARDIE's apartment, where the guest was confronted by HARDIE. Another argument ensued, in which HARDIE fired a shot from a 9mm semi-automatic pistol. The guest called 911 and after executing a security sweep of the residence, police found a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, including a spent 9mm casing as live 9mm round.

"The illegal possession of a weapon in our county will be dealt with swiftly and harshly. Raysheen Franklin, Daniel Reyes and Thomas Hardie will not be looking forward to the New Year. I want to applaud the work of the Albany Police Department and ADA Lynch for their work in taking three dangerous weapons off of Albany streets. If you or someone you know wants to disarm in a safe and discreet way please contact Pastor Charlie Muller at (518) 209-3557 and turn in your gun in exchange for a gift card," commented DA Soares.

Assistant District Attorney Dan Lynch of the Street Crime Bureau prosecuted these cases.

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