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Violent Albany Robber Sentenced to 15 Years in State Prison



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RASHAWN ANDERSON, 26, of Albany, was sentenced to 15 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On February 22, 2017, ANDERSON pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony.

On December 10, 2015, at approximately 5:39 P.M., on Elk Street in the City of Albany, ANDERSON stole a phone, car keys, and money from two victims while displaying what appeared to be a hand gun. During the investigation of the crime by members of the Albany Police Department, it was determined that the suspect was under the supervision of the Division of Parole and was wearing a GPS monitor on his ankle. The GPS monitor placed ANDERSON at the scene of the crime during the time it took place, as well as in the location where both victims' stolen property were found. A black ski mask containing ANDERSON's DNA was also found near where the stolen items were hidden.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Mastaitis of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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