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## **Violent Albany Robbery Leads to Guilty Plea During Trial**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RASHAWN ANDERSON, 26, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this afternoon.

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 a victim 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 the victim's stolen property was found. A black ski mask containing ANDERSON's DNA was also found near where the stolen items were hidden.

Trial against ANDERSON began in Albany County Court on Tuesday, but ANDERSON pleaded guilty before the end of the day.

ANDERSON faces 15 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, when sentenced on April 7, 2017.

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

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