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Violent Car Wash Robber Pleads Guilty Before Trial Begins



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that CURTIS WILLIAMS, 54, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Armed Violent Felony before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning. Trial against WILLIAMS was slated to begin today in Albany County Court, but WILLIAMS pleaded guilty before jury selection began. On January 9, 2016, at approximately 8:45 A.M., WILLIAMS robbed a Hoffman's Car Wash on Central Avenue in the City of Albany while displaying what appeared to be a loaded firearm, and stole approximately \$4000 in cash.

The guilty plea entered in Court today fully satisfies a separate assault incident that occurred on April 20, 2016, at approximately 12:25 A.M., on North Pearl Street in the City of Albany. During the incident WILLIAMS struck a female victim that was known to him in the face with an object. At approximately 5:50 P.M. that day the Albany Police Department responded to a report that WILLIAMS was in the area of where the incident had occurred. After making police contact, WILLIAMS fled from police, and while fleeing WILLIAMS discarded a loaded handgun in a wooded area. Albany Police recovered the handgun in the wooded area, which was determined to be the same handgun used in the car wash robbery. The victim of the assault survived the attack and was treated for injuries at an area hospital.

WILLIAMS faces 12 years to Life in State Prison when sentenced on April 24, 2017

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Major Offense Unit prosecuted this case.

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