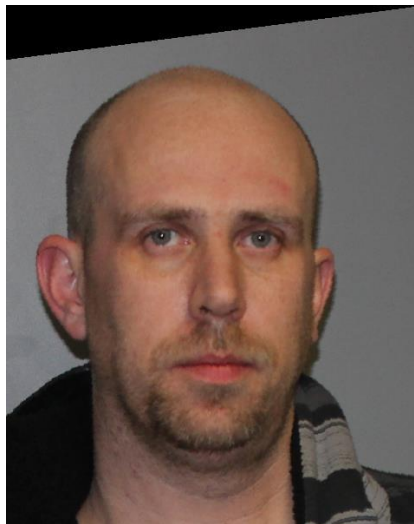




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Wrong Way Driver Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Assault



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that CRAIG PERSONS, 38, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

On December 23, 2016, at approximately 9:40 P.M., on Interstate 787 in the City of Albany, PERSONS, while intoxicated, did recklessly operate a motor vehicle in a manner that caused

serious physical injury to the victims. On the above stated date, time and location, PERSONS did drive the wrong way onto I-787 Southbound at the Clinton Avenue exit, side-swept one vehicle, entered the highway and crashed into a minivan. The passengers of the minivan sustained physical injuries and were taken to the hospital. PERSONS' vehicle, missing one wheel after the collision, eventually stopped about a quarter mile from the exit ramp. PERSONS was uninjured, refused a breath test, and arrested. A court-ordered blood test about five hours after the crash revealed a BAC of .22.

PERSONS faces 3 1/3- 12 years in State Prison when sentenced on June 13, 2018.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Shanley is handling the prosecution of this case.

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Minivan from Crash

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