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Wrong Way Drunk Driver Sentenced to State Prison



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DAVID SUGGS, 34, of Albany, was sentenced today to 2 to 4 years in State Prison, before the Honorable Andrew G. Ceresia in Albany County Court this morning. SUGGS was also ordered to have a mandatory Ignition Interlock Device installed for 1 year, License Revocation for 6 months subject to DMV determination, and mandatory completion of the Victim Impact Panel and Drinking Driver Programs.

On March 7, 2017, SUGGS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor.

On December 20, 2015, at approximately 4:28 A.M., SUGGS was observed driving a 2006 Landrover Range Rover southbound in the northbound lane at 72 miles per hour on I-87 in the Town of Colonie. Members of the Colonie Police Department pursued SUGGS, who came to a stop on the left shoulder of the highway. During the stop officers observed that SUGGS displayed physical signs of intoxication. Upon searching the vehicle it was found that SUGGS had consumed a bottle and a half of vodka prior to operating the vehicle. SUGGS refused to take any field sobriety tests and was taken into custody. SUGGS drove approximately 23 miles in the wrong direction before being stopped.

In a separate case, on August 13, 2016, at approximately 9:50 P.M., on Crossgates Mall Road in the Town of Guilderland, members of the Guilderland Police Department initiated a traffic stop for SUGGS after observing him commit a traffic infraction. SUGGS displayed physical signs of intoxication, and was discovered to have revoked driving privilege because of the above DWI arrest. A breathalyzer test was performed, and it was found SUGGS had a Blood Alcohol Content Level of .16 per cent. On March 13, 2017, SUGGS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated Per Se, a Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court. SUGGS faces 1 year in Albany County Jail when sentenced on May 5, 2017, which will run concurrently with the sentence imposed today.

Assistant District Attorney David Szalda of the Vehicular Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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