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## Albany Man Faces 5 Years in State Prison for Illegal Firearm Possession



**ALBANY, NY**- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ANTONIO SPEARS, 35, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On June 1, 2013, the defendant was pulled over by a member of the Albany Police Department on South Pearl Street in the City of Albany for a broken tail light. Upon speaking with SPEARS, the officer discovered the defendant did not have a driver's license.

A search of the vehicle revealed the defendant to be in possession of a Taurus .357 magnum revolver loaded with 6 rounds of live ammunition. SPEARS also had in his possession 29 amphetamine pills and a quantity of marijuana.

SPEARS faces 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on September 10, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Kurt Haas of the Street Crimes Bureau is handling the prosecution of this case.

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