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Albany Woman Pleads Guilty to Assaulting Three Victims with SUV



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that SHANIKQUA THOMAS, 27, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (3) Counts of Assault in the First Degree, all Class B Violent Felonies, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On August 19, 2013 on Elk Street in the City of Albany, the defendant was involved in an argument between two groups of people. During the argument, the defendant got into the driver's seat of a 1999 Ford Expedition and drove in reverse towards the group of people, striking six victims and causing multiple serious physical injuries to three victims.

The defendant then fled the scene but was apprehended by members of the Albany Police Department. Three victims required emergency surgery as a result of their injuries.

THOMAS faces a concurrent sentence of 15 to 18 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on December 5, 2013.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter is handling the prosecution of this case.

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