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Co-Defendant Pleads Guilty for Role in 2012 Violent Robbery



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **EUGENE ROYAL**, 21, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, and (1) Count of Perjury in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On October 26, 2012 on Third Avenue in the City of Albany, the defendant helped lure the victim to a parking lot to complete a potential drug deal with the assistance of four co-defendants, including co-defendant **EL-KHALIEM MYRICK**, 17, of Albany. When the

victim arrived, he was robbed by ROYAL, MYRICK and the remaining co-defendants. As the co-defendants fled the scene, they attempted to steal the victim's car. When the victim confronted EL-KHALIEM MYRICK to try and prevent his car from being stolen, he was shot in the stomach and required emergency surgery.

On August 20, 2013, MYRICK was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Robbery in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, and (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony and was sentenced to 7 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court on October 2, 2013.

During the trial of the People of the State of New York vs. El-Khaliem Myrick, ROYAL made multiple inconsistent and false statements while under oath, specifically, that he denied any involvement in the robbery which contradicted previous statements he gave to an Albany County Grand Jury.

ROYAL faces up to 6 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision for his role in the robbery and a concurrent term of incarceration of 1 to 3 years in State Prison on the perjury charge when sentenced on May 12, 2014.

ROYAL remains in the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail to await sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp of the Legal Affairs Bureau is handling the prosecution of this case.

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