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## Defendant Found Guilty after Jury Trial of DWI in Colonie Town Court



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that PAUL BENNETT, 57, of Malta, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Operating a Moving Motor Vehicle Using a Portable Device, a violation, before the Honorable Peter Crummy in Colonie Town Court on June 11, 2013.

On March 2, 2013 on Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie, BENNETT was observed operating a motor vehicle by a member of the Colonie Police Department and stopped for a traffic violation.

Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the defendant's breath, as well as blood shot eyes, impaired motor skills and impaired speech. BENNETT failed several field sobriety tests and refused to submit to a breathalyzer test while in custody.

BENNETT faces up to 1 year in the Albany County Correctional Facility when sentenced on August 28, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato is handling the prosecution of this case.

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