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Defendant Found Guilty in Abstenia of Stealing Purse



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HECTOR CUEVAS, 45, of Albany, was found guilty following a jury trial of (1) Count of Robbery in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, both Class E Felonies, and (1) Count of Forgery in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On March 24, 2013 in the area of Partridge Street and Madison Avenue in the City of Albany, the defendant grabbed a victim by the arm and forcibly pulled a purse from her shoulder. The defendant was observed on a surveillance camera using one of the stolen credit cards from the purse to make a purchase at a gas station on New Scotland Avenue in the City of Albany.

CUEVAS faces up to 7 years in State Prison, sentencing will be determined by the Court at a later date.

“This trial was commenced without the defendant who fled the area. Warrants for Mr. Cuevas arrest were executed earlier in the process. Mr. Cuevas may have fled from his trial, but he has not escaped responsibility for his actions. He will be found and will be brought to justice,” commented District Attorney Soares.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler is handling the prosecution of this case.

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