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## Defendant Pleads Guilty to Burglary and Arson



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that **MATTHEW WOELFERSHEIM**, 37, of Guilderland, pleaded guilty to (2) Counts of Burglary in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Arson in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony, before Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court on March 21, 2014.

Between July 25, 2012 and September 1, 2012, **WOELFERSHEIM** unlawfully entered a business on West Street in the City of Albany and did steal over \$1,000 of US Currency while inside. Further, **WOELFERSHEIM** unlawfully entered a business on Watervliet Avenue in the

City of Albany on the dates of August 28, 2013 and August 31, 2013, and did steal a sum of US Currency while inside on both occasions.

Additionally, on September 30, 2013 on Carman Road in the Town of Guilderland, the defendant did intentionally start a fire in an unoccupied building. The fire spread from the abandoned building and caused further property damage to a neighbor's garage and vehicle.

WOELFERSHEIM will be sentenced to 2 to 6 years in State Prison on each count of Burglary in the Third Degree that will be served consecutively for a total of 4 to 12 years in State Prison. The defendant also faces a concurrent sentence of 4 to 12 years in State Prison on the Arson in the Third Degree charge when sentenced on May 9, 2014.

The defendant remains in custody at the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail to await sentencing.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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