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Defendant Who Stole a Second Car after Crashing First Stolen Car Pleads Guilty



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MICHAEL CARTER**, 20, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On February 19, 2014, the defendant stole a 2012 Jeep Liberty outside a residence in the City of Rensselaer, which was observed by the owner of the vehicle. As the defendant fled in the stolen vehicle, the owner pursued him in another vehicle throughout the City of Albany, eventually making their way toward Siena College on Loudon Road in the Town of Colonie. The defendant struck two security gates, drove across the front lawn and collided with a vehicle driven by another motorist before striking a tree and fleeing on foot.

As the defendant fled, he stole a parked Chevy Cobalt that had the keys in the ignition. An investigation by members of the Colonie Police Department discovered the defendant's cell phone and glove inside the Jeep Liberty, which lead to his arrest.

CARTER faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison when sentenced on July 16, 2014 and must pay \$2,816.72 in restitution. He remains in custody at the Albany County Correctional Facility to await sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Stephanie Richter of the Vehicular Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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