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Drugged Driver Sentenced for Causing Head on Collision



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSEPH GORMAN, 28, of Latham, was sentenced to 6 months in the Albany County Correctional Facility, 5 years of Felony Probation, a \$1,000 fine and license revocation for 1 year before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On May 29, 2013, GORMAN pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court.

On January 16, 2013, in the area of Northern Boulevard and Shaker Road in the City of Albany, the defendant did drive a motor vehicle through a red light and struck a vehicle in the on-coming lane of traffic head on. The defendant was found passed out in his vehicle.

The defendant had five baggies of heroin in his possession as well as a hypodermic syringe. The defendant admitted to smoking marijuana earlier in the day and shooting 2 bags of heroin at lunch, just prior to the collision.

Bureau Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit Mary Tanner-Richter handled the prosecution of this case.

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