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Poughkeepsie Man Pleads Guilty for Stealing \$40,000 Diamond



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JONATHAN HIGGS, 43, of Poughkeepsie, pleaded guilty to (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 April 16, 2013, HIGGS entered Northeastern Fine Jewelers on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland and falsely represented himself to one of the employees as a customer. The defendant then asked the employee to be shown a \$25,000 diamond, however, the clerk returned with a \$40,000 diamond. Upon being handed the diamond to view, HIGGS quickly ran out of the store.

HIGGS faces 3 to 6 years in State Prison when sentenced on June 21, 2013.

“This defendant, through false representation and deception, thought his journey to Albany County would end in successfully stealing an expensive diamond. Instead, Mr. Higgs journey ends in a state prison cell,” commented District Attorney Soares.

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

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