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Private Contractor Arraigned on Felony Computer Trespass Charge

*Defendant Allegedly Accessed New York State Office of Information Technology
Services Computer System Network and Changed 29 Account Passwords*



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JAMES BURTON, 52, of Delmar, was arraigned on (1) Count of Computer Trespass, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

The indictment alleges that on October 10, 2013, the defendant unlawfully accessed the computer system network of the New York State Office of Information Technology Services using his administrative account.

The defendant had an administrative account during his employment as a contract help desk professional. After his contract with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services was terminated, the defendant was advised he was no longer an authorized administrator and could not log into his account.

Despite this, the defendant allegedly used his administrative account to change the passwords of 29 separate accounts, and had access to files with CPS and private health information. The New York State Police arrested the defendant later that day following an investigation into his alleged criminal activity.

BURTON pleaded not guilty and was released on his own recognizance. BURTON faces up to 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison if convicted.

Assistant District Attorney Christopher Torelli of the Financial Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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