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## Repeated Violations of Order of Protection Leads to Enhanced State Prison Sentence



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MICHAEL CARTENUTO**, 50, of Green Island, was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Roger McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court yesterday morning.

On January 3, 2013, February 9, 2013 and February 24, 2013, the defendant violated a No Contact Order of Protection issued by the Honorable William Carter in Albany City Criminal Court. Specifically, the defendant repeatedly contacted an individual who was known to him.

On November 19, 2013, CARTENUTO pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, in full satisfaction of all charges against him and was expected to receive 5 years of Felony Probation.

The Court informed the defendant that the terms of his guilty plea included that he not be re-arrested for any offense prior to the sentencing date. Additionally, if the defendant was found to be in violation of the terms of his guilty plea the Court could enhance his sentence.

However, prior to the sentencing date, the defendant was re-arrested twice for violating the No Contact Order of Protection. Because of this, the Court vacated the original plea agreement sentenced the defendant to 1 to 3 years in State Prison.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney of the Special Victims Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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