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State Prison for Multiple Drunk Driving Arrests



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSEPH PERETTA, 45, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Roger McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On September 9, 2013, on Traditional Lane in the Town of Colonie, the Colonie Police Department received a call about a reckless driver who hit several mailboxes and drove over multiple laws. The defendant then fell asleep in the car and was awoken when officers arrived, who detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverages coming from his breath. The defendant could

not stand on his own, and was slurring his speech. Additionally, he told officers that he was employed at the New York State Senate, which when investigated by officers turned out to be false. While in custody, he registered a BAC of .28%.

Then, on December 1, 2013, members of Colonie Police Department observed the defendant running a red light in the Town of Colonie and pulled him over. When they spoke with him, he exhibited multiple physical signs of intoxication that admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages. At the time of his arrest his license was suspended.

PERRETTA faces 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison, a \$2,000 fine, and a minimum of license revocation for 1 year when sentenced on September 5, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Melinda Seiden is handling the prosecution of this case.

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