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Two Defendants Plead Guilty to Driving While Intoxicated



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DANIEL GONYEA, 50, of Ravena, and RAMON CONTRERAS, 33, of Amsterdam, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

DANIEL GONYEA pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, Per se, a Class E Felony.

On January 17, 2013, GONYEA was observed by a New York State Trooper operating a motor vehicle on Blodgett Hill Road in the Town of Coeymans without properly functioning brake lights. Upon the initiation of a traffic stop by the Trooper, the defendant was observed exhibiting several physical signs of intoxication and failed several field sobriety tests.

The defendant registered a BAC of .16% while in police custody.

GONYEA faces a range from 6 months in the Albany County Jail followed by 5 years of Felony Probation up to 1 to 3 years in State Prison, an additional \$1,000 fine, license revocation for 1 year and the installation and maintenance of an Ignition Interlock Device when sentenced on July 1, 2013.

Additionally, RAMON CONTRERAS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony.

On December 1, 2012, CONTRERAS was operating a motor vehicle on Interstate 90 in the City of Albany when he was observed by a New York State Trooper failing to signal a lane change and had windows tinted too dark. Upon the initiation of a traffic stop, officers observed the defendant exhibiting several physical signs of intoxication and failed several field sobriety tests.

The defendant refused to submit to a chemical test at the police station to determine his BAC. The defendant also had an open container of alcohol in the vehicle at the time of his arrest.

CONTRERAS faces 60 days of community service, 5 years of Felony Probation, the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 5 years, a \$1,000 fine and license revocation for 1 year when sentenced on May 30, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Peluso of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau is handling the prosecution of both cases.

For more information please contact Cecilia Logue.

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