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## Albany Man Pleads Guilty to Hit and Run on North Pearl Street



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that **KENNETH ARRINGTON**, 47, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a Class C Felony, before the Hon. Joseph Teresi this morning in Albany County Court.

On May 19, 2012 at 3:28 am, ARRINGTON was driving down South Pearl Street and ran through a red light and the police initiated a traffic stop. ARRINGTON pulled the car over, however, when the officers approached, he sped away at a high rate of speed towards an area heavily congested with pedestrian traffic. As ARRINGTON drove through the area, he struck two pedestrians and fled the scene. ARRINGTON continued driving and abandoned his car near the Palace Theatre and fled on foot to his house and was later apprehended. One of the victims was seriously injured. A blood test confirmed the presence of alcohol, cocaine and marijuana in ARRINGTON's system.

“Mr. Arrington showed a blatant lack of regard for the safety of those in our community when he got behind the wheel of his car in his condition. This type of behavior is never acceptable and my office will continue to prosecute those who make these choices to put others in harm's way through their actions”, commented DA Soares.

ARRINGTON faces 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison when he is sentenced on October 30, 2012. ARRINGTON also will have an Ignition Interlock Device installed in his vehicle for 3 years following his release from prison.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Peluso of the Vehicular Crimes Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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