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Albany Man Sentenced for Hit and Run on North Pearl Street



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that **KENNETH ARRINGTON**, 47, of Albany, was sentenced to 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison before the Honorable Joseph Teresi in Albany County Court this morning. **ARRINGTON** previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a Class C Felony, on September 25, 2012.

On May 19, 2012 at 3:28 am, ARRINGTON was driving down South Pearl Street and ran through a red light and police, who observed the incident, 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. The combination of two separate drugs as well as alcohol makes his decision to drive even more reprehensible. This type of behavior is never acceptable and my office will continue to prosecute those who make the choice to put others in harm's way through their actions,” commented DA Soares.

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

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