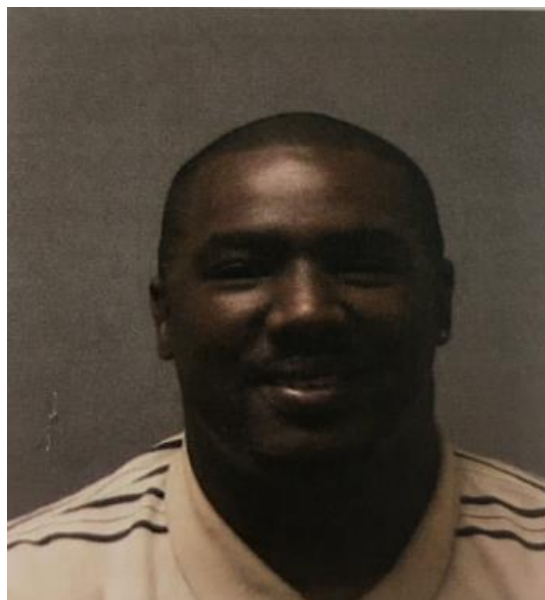


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Alleged Sexual Assault In Albany County Correctional Facility



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that BRANDON AUSTIN, 47, of Albany, was arraigned on (2) Counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, (2) Counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, (2) Counts Official Misconduct, a Class A Misdemeanor and (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

An Albany County Grand Jury previously returned an indictment alleging that between June 16, 2017 and June 17,

2017, in the Albany County Correctional Facility located at 840 Albany-Shaker Road in the Town of Colonie, County of Albany, AUSTIN allegedly subjected a female victim to sexual contact by the use of forcible compulsion.

In a separate alleged incident, between the dates of April 1, 2017 and June 17, 2017 AUSTIN is alleged to have subjected another female victim to sexual contact by the use of forcible compulsion.

It is alleged that these incidents took place while AUSTIN was serving in his capacity as a Corrections Officer at the Facility.

AUSTIN pleaded not guilty to the charges today and was released on bail. No new court appearance dates have been scheduled at this time.

Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon K. Sarfoh is prosecuting this case.

For more information, please contact the Albany County District Attorney's Office at AlbanyDA@albanycountyny.gov

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***All charged individuals are presumed innocent
until proven guilty.***