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Armed Robbers Sentenced in Albany County Court



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that co-defendants AH-MEEL GUTHRIE, QUALON COOKS, and BRIAN BRIGGS were each sentenced to (10) years in State Prison, to be followed by (5) years of Post-Release Supervision, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On July 11, 2013, at approximately 10:58 p.m., at a garage on Sherman Street in the City and of Albany, multiple co-defendants, did rob the occupants at gunpoint. The co-defendants fled and were apprehended at various locations near the incident. During the ensuing flight, a shot was fired in the vicinity of a pursuant police officer. Guns and stolen property were recovered near the various defendants.

On May 8, 2014, co-defendants AH-MEEL GUTHRIE, 25, and QUALON COOKS, 21, both of Albany, each pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court.

On May 9, 2014 co-defendant BRIAN BRIGGS, also of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court.

On May 27, 2014, co-defendant JHAFFREE MCCLAIN, 28, of Albany, pleaded guilty to an entire indictment containing charges of (2) Counts of Robbery in the First Degree, both Class B Armed Violent Felonies, and (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court. MCCLAIN faces up to 25 years in State Prison when sentenced on June 24, 2014.

Major Offenses Bureau Chief Eric Galarneau and Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp are handling the prosecution of these cases.

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