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## **Attempted Murder Arraignment in Albany Shooting that Left Victim Seriously Injured**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DESONTE WELCH, 19, of Albany, was arraigned on (1) Count of Attempted Murder in the First Degree, a Class A-1 Felony, (1) Count of Conspiracy in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony, (1) Count of Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony, (2) Counts of Assault in the First Degree, both Class B Felonies, and (2) Counts of Attempted Robbery in the First Degree, both Class C Felonies, before the Honorable Roger McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

A Grand Jury previously returned an indictment alleging that on April 17, 2014, in the area of Garden and Raymo Streets in the City of Albany, WELCH did conspire with a co-defendant to intentionally rob and cause the death of a victim in exchange for a sum of US currency. The indictment also alleges that WELCH did fire handgun at close range into the victim's forehead, causing life threatening injuries and traumatic brain injury.

WELCH pleaded not guilty to the charges today and was remanded into custody without bail.

The case against co-defendant SHAQQUESE SALMOND remains open and pending.

The victim remains hospitalized with serious physical injuries.

Assistant District Attorney Shannon Corbitt of the Major Offenses Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Walsh at (518) 275-4710.

*All parties are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty*

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