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Co-Defendants Plead Guilty to Robbery



GUTHRIE



COOKS

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **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 today.

On July 11, 2013, at approximately 10:58 p.m., at a garage on Sherman Street in the City and of Albany, GUTHRIE and COOKS, along with alleged co-defendants, did rob the occupants of the home at gunpoint. GUTHRIE then fled, and was apprehended by Albany Police officers 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. COOKS was arrested a few weeks later.

The cases against alleged co-defendants JHAFFRE MCCLAIN and BRIAN BRIGGS remain open and pending.

GUTHERIE and COOKS each face up to (10) years in State Prison, to be followed by (5) years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on June 5, 2014.

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

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

All parties are presumed innocent unless and until conviction

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