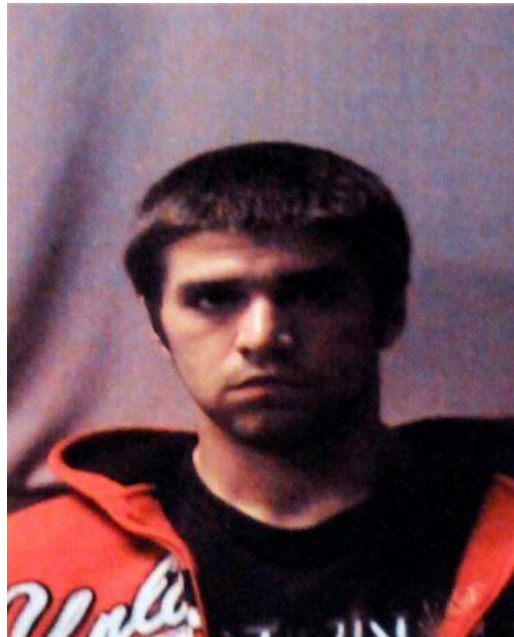




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## **DNA Database Hit: Prisoner Identified as Serial Burglar**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that JOHN IRVINE, 23, currently in State Custody, was sentenced to 6 years in State Prison this morning before Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court. IRVINE previously pleaded guilty to Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class “D” Violent Felony for breaking into a Colonie home in 2010.

IRVINE was charged with entering a Mill Road residence around 5:30pm on November 2, 2010, while the residents were not home. IRVINE entered through a door that had been forced open using a screwdriver. The house was ransacked along with jewelry also being taken. Police were able to swab the screwdriver for DNA and registered a "hit" in the DNA database linking IRVINE to the crime. IRVINE is currently in State Prison for previous felony burglary charges in other counties in New York.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Mastaitis from the Major Offenses Bureau handled the prosecution of the case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

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