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Driver Sentenced After Putting Life of 1 Year Old at Risk



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that GREGORY TANCREDI, 45, of Colonie, was sentenced to 1-3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Judge Peter Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

The sentence also requires TANCREDI to install and maintain an Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years following his release from state prison, attendance at a Victim Impact Panel, and 1 year minimum license revocation which is subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

On July 10, 2015, TANCREDI pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated: Child in Vehicle, as a Class E Felony.

On May 12, 2015, at approximately 10:43 p.m., the Colonie Police Department responded to the area of 1631 Central Avenue after a civilian caller reported a possible domestic situation occurring inside a Lexus between a man and a woman stopped in a commercial parking lot. Colonie Police Department responded to the area and observed the vehicle and two occupants fitting the caller's description. Upon interviewing the operator of Lexus, TANCREDI was observed having slurred speech, poor motor skills, glassy eyes, and the smell of alcohol on his breath. He failed three Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. During the interview, a one year old child was found in the back seat of the vehicle. After being brought back to the police station, TANCREDI registered a .18% Blood Alcohol Content.

This is a Leandra's Law case as TANCREDI was driving with a 1-year-old infant in the vehicle.

Assistant District Attorney David Szalda of the Vehicular Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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