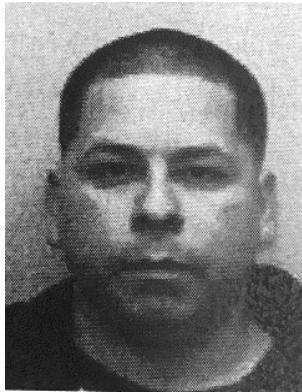




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## Drivers Sentenced for Separate DWI Cases



**CARLOS COLON**



**NICHOLAS SAPIENZA**

**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **CARLOS COLON**, 35, of Amsterdam, NY, and **NICHOLAS SAPIENZA**, 29, of Ravena, NY, were each sentenced before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court Friday afternoon for their roles in separate vehicular crime cases.

Specifically, **CARLOS COLON** was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in State Prison after pleading guilty on October 3, 2018 to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated: With a Child Passenger Less than 16, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Circumvention of an Interlock

Device, a Class A Misdemeanor. COLON will also be subject to the installation of an ignition interlock device for 5 years upon release from custody.

On March 16, 2018, at approximately 11:36 P.M., while conducting a DWI checkpoint on Interstate 87 in the City of Albany, officers of the New York State Police stopped the vehicle COLON was driving and detected an odor of alcohol coming from inside of the vehicle. COLON failed field sobriety tests and admitted to consuming two alcoholic beverages before operating the vehicle. At the time of the incident COLON was driving with his three children, all under the age of 15, in the vehicle. Approximately one hour after the traffic stop, COLON had a blood alcohol content level of .10%. At the time of the incident COLON was driving with a revoked license stemming from a 2013 Aggravated DWI conviction.

Additionally, NICHOLAS SAPIENZA was sentenced to 8 months in the Albany County Correctional Facility, to be followed by 5 years of Probation for his 2017 arrest and 5 years of Probation for his arrest in 2018. The terms of Probation will run concurrently.

SAPIENZA will also be subject to a minimum 1 year license revocation subject to the determinations of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and the installation of an ignition interlock device for 5 years upon release from custody.

On October 11, 2018, SAPIENZA pleaded guilty to (2) Counts of Driving While Intoxicated: Previous Conviction of Designated Offense within 10 Years, each Class E Felonies.

On February 7, 2018, at approximately 1:25 AM, in the area of Lark Street and Madison Avenue in the City of Albany, SAPIENZA was observed by officers failing to signal and speeding in the vehicle he was driving. At the time of the stop, SAPIENZA had physical signs of intoxication and failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. At the time of this incident, SAPIENZA had a blood alcohol content level of .12%. In a separate incident on December 2, 2017, SAPIENZA was discovered driving in an intoxicated state on Interstate 90 in the City of Albany. SAPIENZA failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and ultimately was found to have a blood alcohol content level of .08%.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter handled the prosecution of both of these cases.

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