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Drunk Driver Heading to Prison for the Third Time



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that PHILLIP WINTERS, 42, of Westerlo, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class D Felony before Albany County Court Judge Joseph Teresi this morning in Albany County Court.

On June 23, 2012, WINTERS drove his car down Route 85 in Westerlo after consuming several alcoholic beverages at a friend's house. WINTERS drove his car into a ditch and proceeded to continue down Route 85, almost colliding with motorists in the opposite lane before finally coming to a stop. Concerned motorists followed WINTERS and boxed in his car preventing him from leaving as well as taking his keys from him.

On WINTERS's actions that night, Judge Teresi commented "You are a menace on the highway and you are going to end up killing yourself or an innocent motorist."

This is WINTER's third state prison sentence for DWI convictions.

WINTERS faces 2 to 6 years in State Prison, a \$2,000 fine, license revocation for 1 year and the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years following his release. Sentencing is scheduled for October 2, 2012.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter handled the prosecution of the case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

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