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Five Years Felony Probation for Possession of Forged Retirement Card



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that CHRISTOPHER HUGHES, 40, of Feura Bush, was sentenced to 5 Years Felony Probation before the Hon. Judge Herrick in Albany County Court this morning. HUGHES was found guilty after jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony on May 9, 2012.

On October 7, 2010 HUGHES possessed a forged police retirement identification card that he had provided to a police supply business for the purposes of purchasing a police retirement badge. As a routine practice the supply company contacted the Bethlehem Police Department to verify HUGHES' employment status. At that time HUGHES was not listed as a retired officer. The matter was turned over to the New York State Police for further investigation and it was determined that the identification card was forged.

“Companies that supply materials and equipment to law enforcement go through painstaking efforts to ensure their merchandise does not fall into the hands of those not entitled to them. The defendant in this instance went to great lengths to fool the supply company and his department, but he could not fool the jury,” said DA David Soares.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Linda Griggs of the Public Integrity Unit.

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