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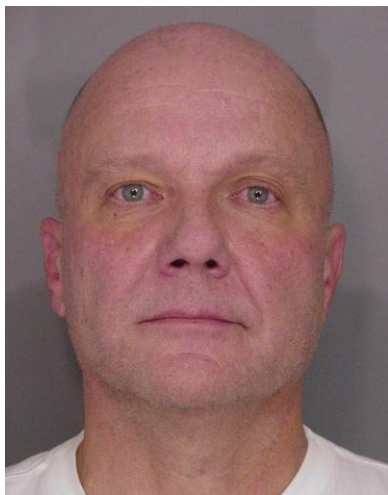
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## **Former DARE Officer Sentenced for Sexual Abuse**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that PAUL PIERCE, 59, of East Greenbush, was sentenced to 6 years in State Prison before Honorable Judge Dan Lamont in Albany County Court this morning. The State Prison sentence will be followed by 10 years of Post Release Supervision. PIERCE will be required to register as a Sex Offender.

On May 2, 2012 PIERCE pleaded guilty to (2) Counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, both Class E Felonies. PIERCE did engage in repeated acts of sexual conduct with a minor under the age of seventeen at a residence in the City of Albany between June and September 2010.

PIERCE is a former police officer and did work as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officer as part of his former duties.

Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon Sarfoh is handled the prosecution of this case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

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