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Guilty Plea for Armed Robbery of Dollar Tree Store



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **RAKEEM LEWIS**, 23, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, before the Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On August 21, 2014 at approximately 10:30 p.m., **LEWIS** approached two employees at the Dollar Tree Store, located at 911 Central Avenue in the City of Albany, armed with what appeared to be a handgun and demanded money. The victims complied and **LEWIS** fled the store with approximately \$5,000 in cash. No injuries were reported during the incident.

Through an extensive investigation by the Albany Police Department's Criminal Investigation

Unit, LEWIS was identified as the perpetrator and arrested for armed robbery. A search warrant executed at LEWIS' residence uncovered over \$3,700 hidden in a couch and a BB gun.

LEWIS faces up to 6 ½ years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on May 14, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Offense Bureau is prosecuting this case.

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