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Guilty Plea in Cohoes Burglary



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **SCOTT GILLIGAN**, 48, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Burglary in the Third Degree, Illegal Entry With Intent To Commit A Crime, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On January 22, 2016, between approximately 12:30 PM and 1:20 PM, on Lark Street, in the City of Cohoes, **GILLIGAN** did knowingly and unlawfully enter a home with the intent to commit a crime. **GILLIGAN** did break into the home of a person who was known to him by kicking in the back basement door and breaking the window. During the incident, he stole a flat screen TV,

Apple iPads, an Apple TV, and a laptop, totaling to approximately \$7,000. GILLIGAN was located in the City of Troy on the above said date with the stolen items visible in the vehicle he was operating and was charged.

“The offer we extended, and Mr. Gilligan accepted, today was the same offer we extended months ago. That offer took account of the defendant’s service to this country and his history of substance abuse, while also balancing the needs of the victim, the need to protect the community and his failure to initially accept responsibility for his actions. Our offer allows the defendant the opportunity to avoid a lengthy prison term by participating in the Department of Corrections “Shock” program, a 6-month boot camp that includes 108 hours of classes, group counseling, alcohol and substance abuse treatment, as well as physical training and work crews. Upon successful completion of the program inmates are released from prison. From the beginning, we believed that this was the appropriate resolution of this case. We are pleased that the defendant today accepted responsibility for his actions and hope that this resolution helps bring closure to a victim whose home and security was violated by Mr. Gilligan,” commented District Attorney Soares.

GILLIGAN faces 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison when sentenced on November 27, 2017.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Mastaitis of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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