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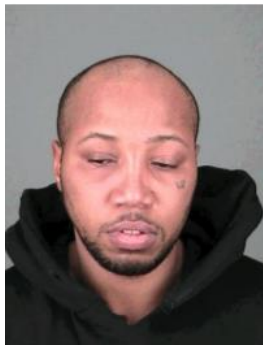
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Guilty Plea for Illegal Possession of a Handgun



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that GREGORY HARDY, 32, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On February 9, 2016 at approximately 10:40 P.M. in the City of Albany, officers from the Albany Police Department were contacted about a man in the area of Henry Johnson Boulevard and Clinton Avenue with a handgun. Upon responding to the area, officers identified HARDY as matching the description provided to them. When asked to stop by police officers, HARDY fled on foot. During the pursuit one officers sustained injuries. HARDY was later apprehended and was found to be in illegal possession of a firearm.

HARDY faces up to 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on a later date.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp of the Street Crimes Unit is prosecuting this case.

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