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Guilty Plea for Repeat DWI Offender



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **DARNELL COLLINS**, 29, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Judge Andrew Ceresia in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 14, 2014, **COLLINS** crashed his car on I-787. Upon being placed under arrest and taken into custody, **COLLINS** registered a BAC of .22%.

On March 1, 2015, COLLINS was found passed out behind the wheel of a running vehicle under a red light in the City of Albany. COLLINS exhibited signs of intoxication and refused to do any standard field sobriety test. Due to the prior DWI incident from November 2014, COLLINS was operating the vehicle with a suspended license.

COLLINS guilty plea today is in full satisfaction of both DWI Charges.

COLLINS faces 1 1/3 – 4 years in State Prison, the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years following his release from custody, a \$3,000 fine and a minimum of 18 months of license revocation, subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles, when sentenced on August 21, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Melinda Seiden-Fiorino of the Vehicular Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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