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Guilty Plea for Woman Who Set Fire that Killed Dog



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that KHADIJAH HOPKINS, 26, of Troy, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, a Class E Felony, on January 17, 2013 in Albany County Court before Hon. Peter Lynch.

On November 15, 2012, HOPKINS illegally entered a residence of an acquaintance in the Town of Colonie and stole several items from the home. Before leaving, HOPKINS set the house on

fire with the victim's dog locked in a cage in the living room of the home. Consequently, The dog did die as a result of the fire.

A thorough investigation by the Colonie Police Department uncovered a connection between the victim and HOPKINS and were able to recover some of the stolen items at HOPKINS mother's residence as well as a local game store where some of the items were sold.

HOPKINS faces 8 years in state prison when sentenced on March 7, 2013.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler handled the prosecution of the case.

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