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## Guilty Plea in Albany “Traveler” Case



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that MARK SCHMIDT, 69, of Altamont, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Rape in the Second Degree and (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Act in the Second Degree, both Class E Felonies, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On December 2, 2017, SCHMIDT traveled to the SpringHill Suites by Marriott in the Town of Colonie, in an attempt to engage in sexual and oral intercourse with a person who he believed to be a fourteen year old girl. SCHMIDT had previously responded to a Craig’s List Ad and engaged in a conversation with a person he believed to be the stepfather of a fourteen year old

girl and discussed engaging in sexual acts with the child. The person on the other end of the online conversation was a member of law enforcement.

The People were ready for trial against SCHMIDT when he pleaded guilty to the indictment today.

SCHMIDT faces up to 4 years in State Prison, to be followed by 10 years of Post-Release Supervision when sentenced on December 5, 2018.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney of the Special Victims Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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