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## Guilty Plea in Albany County Hate Crime Against Elderly



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that FRANK CHRYSLER, 49, of Watervliet, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, as a Hate Crime, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On October 10, 2014, at approximately 9:30 a.m., at 767 New Loudon Road (First Niagara Bank), in the Town of Latham, County of Albany, CHRYSLER did steal property valued in excess of \$3,000, and did intentionally select the person against whom the offense was committed due to her age. CHRYSLER did bring a person who was known to him who suffers

from a decreased mental state, to the bank, on two separate occasions, and had her withdraw \$5,000, on each occasion. He took said amount without permission to do so. All transactions are on video.

Between February and November of 2014, CHRYSLER, along with other co-conspirators, (HENRY HICKS, JOHN WATERSON, SUSAN BARR, BRIAN BARR, JOHN RISTO, and, JESSICA PARADISO) performed work under false pretenses for victims at their respective homes. They targeted said victims (all elderly) throughout Albany County (Bethlehem, Albany, Colonie). The estimated theft from all victims is in excess of \$40,000. CHRYSLER is the last of the conspirators to be sentenced.

CHRYSLER faces 6-12 years in State Prison when sentenced on December 22, 2017.

Street Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Jessica Blain-Lewis prosecuted this case.

More information on the other conspirators can be found [here](#).

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