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## Guilty Plea in Albany Machete Attack



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JAMES SHERMAN, 23, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Assault in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, before the Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On March 26, 2016, at approximately 8:45 P.M., there was a physical altercation between people that were known to each other at a residence on Myrtle Avenue in the City of Albany. After the altercation, SHERMAN attacked one of the men present with a machete. SHERMAN stuck the

victim several times, causing a severed finger and serious physical injury to the victim's shoulder. The victim was treated and survived.

SHERMAN faces 10 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on January 13, 2017.

Assistant District Attorney Dennis DiBari of the Major Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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