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Guilty Plea in Forgery Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ANTHONY J. WHITBECK, 35, of Rensselaer, pleaded guilty to (2) Counts of Forgery in the Second Degree, both Class D Felonies, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 21st, 2013 and December 1st, 2013, WHITBECK did illegally use a stolen Home Depot credit card, forging the signature of the cardholder on both occasions, in the Home Depot in the Town of Colonie. The transactions were captured on video and WHITBECK was positively identified by his Parole Officer after the Colonie Police Department received a report of the incidents. At the time of the incidents, WHITBECK was under the supervision of the Department of Parole for a 2010 conviction relating to using a stolen credit card.

WHITBECK faces 5 to 10 years in State Prison as a predicate felon on April 20, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Christopher Torelli of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

DA Soares urges all consumers to routinely check financial statements for accuracy, and if there is any suspicion of illegal activity, law enforcement should immediately be contacted.

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