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Guilty Plea to Weapon and Assault Charges Before Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that STEVEN JAMES, 39, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Assault in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony, before Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany City Court this morning.

On October 19, 2012, around 10:20am at 82 Ontario Street in the City of Albany, JAMES stabbed a store clerk in the head, causing physical injury. The incident was captured on store video.

Additionally, on April 15, 2013, JAMES was pulled over for traffic infractions by members of the Colonie Police Department in the area of Loudon Road and Glennon Road in the Town of

Colonie. JAMES repeatedly grabbed at his waist during the traffic stop, and fled police on foot. Police were able to subdue JAMES with a taser and placed him into custody, finding that JAMES had a loaded Smith and Wesson .38 caliber handgun illegally in his possession.

Assistant District Attorney Kurt Haas of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted the weapons case, and Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp prosecuted the assault case against JAMES. JAMES was scheduled to face trial in the assault case with jury selection slated to begin this morning.

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