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Guilty Verdict After Assault and Sexual Abuse Trial



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JAMES MCCLENDON, 36, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing, a Class A Misdemeanor, (1) Count of Assault in the Third Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, (1) Count of Coercion in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, and (2) Counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, each Class A Misdemeanors, before the Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court today.

On July 14, 2015, at approximately 6:30 p.m., while at a residence in the area of Livingston Avenue in the City of Albany, MCCLENDON did intentionally assault and sexually abuse another individual that was

known to him. At the time of these offenses there were children under the age of 17 in the residence. In addition, MCCLENDON did follow the victim out of the residence and attempt to prevent the victim from obtaining help. MCCLENDON was arrested by Albany City Police officers who responded to a 911 call regarding the incident.

MCCLENDON faces up to 7 years in State Prison when he is sentenced on July 6, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Caroline Murray of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

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