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Guilty Verdict for Assault and Attempted Robbery of Elderly Woman



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that WAYNE COLE, 52, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On March 30, 2013, members of the Albany Police Department responded to a call that an elderly woman was injured after a man knocked her to the ground and dragged her while attempting to steal her purse in the vicinity of Washington Avenue and Robin Street in the City

of Albany. The victim, a 92 year old resident of Albany, sustained a fractured left hand and substantial cuts and bruising to her arms and legs during the assault. Witnesses of the incident intervened and assisted the police to identify COLE. Hours of surveillance video were compiled by police that showed the defendant targeting and following the victim throughout the day.

“This case was less about this defendant and more about a 92 year old hero who helped us remove this violent and shallow person from our community. ADA Corbitt could not have secured this conviction without the commitment of Officer DiCarlo who personally reviewed over 100 hours of video surveillance, the detectives who interviewed the suspect, and the many witnesses who involved themselves in pursuing justice for their neighbor,” commented DA David Soares.

COLE was remanded to the custody of the Albany County Correctional Facility and a potential of up to 14 years in State Prison when sentenced on April 23, 2014.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Shannon Corbitt of the Major Offenses Unit.

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