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## **Guilty Verdict in 2015 Rensselaer County Fatal Crash**

*Albany County Deputy Chief Assistant DA Cheryl  
Fowler Acting as Special Prosecutor*



**RENSSELAER, NY** – The Office of Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares, which was acting as a Special Prosecutor, today announced that EDWARD FERGUSON, 28, of Nassau, was found guilty after a jury trial before Judge Debra A. Young in Rensselaer County Court this morning.

A jury returned guilty verdicts on all charges they had to consider in the case: (2) Counts of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, each Class B Felonies, (1) Count of Vehicular Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Vehicular Assault in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Assault in the Third Degree, a Misdemeanor, (2) Counts of Driving While Intoxicated, both Misdemeanors, (1) Count of Reckless Driving, a Misdemeanor, and traffic violations of Failure to Yield and Moving from a Lane Unsafely.

A jury found that on July 27, 2015, FERGUSON caused the death of his 28 year old passenger Christopher Sharpley, and also caused serious physical injury to the driver of another vehicle, 48 year old Terry Metcalf. FERGUSON was recklessly driving in an intoxicated state while operating a 2015 Nissan Altima when he crashed on State Routes 66 and 20 in the Town of Nassau in Rensselaer County.

Trial began in Rensselaer County Court on Tuesday January 31st. The jury began deliberating on the charges around 3:30 P.M. yesterday afternoon.

FERGUSON was remanded after the verdict this morning and faces up to 25 years in State Prison when sentenced on March 2, 2017.

Albany County Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl K. Fowler prosecuted this case acting as a Special Prosecutor.

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