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## Guilty Verdict in Domestic Violence Trial



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that ALVIN AGARD, 28, of Troy, was found guilty of (1) Count of Assault in the Third Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing, a Class A Misdemeanor, this afternoon before the Honorable Roger McDonough in Albany County Court.

On October 5, 2013, while in a residence in the City of Albany, AGARD did assault a victim that he knew by punching her in the face with a closed fist. Additionally, AGARD impeded her breathing by applying pressure on her throat when he placed both hands around her neck and squeezed.

AGARD remains in custody and faces up to 2 years of incarceration when sentenced on June 6, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney of the Special Victims Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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