



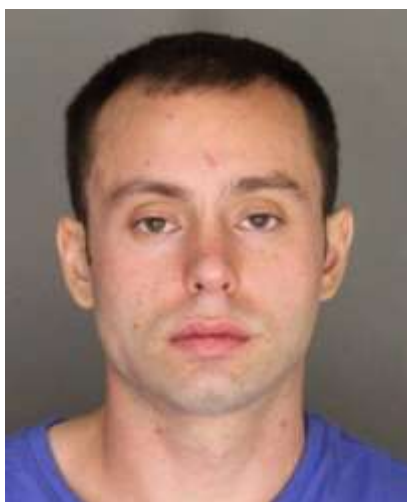
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Indictment in Alleged Sexual Assault Case



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that FRANKLIN CASATELLI, 25, of Guilderland, was indicted by a Grand Jury on (1) Count of Rape in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, (1) Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, as a Sexually Motivated Felony, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, as a Sexually Motivated Felony, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CASATELLI is scheduled to be arraigned on Wednesday December 21, 2016, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court. CASATELLI remains in custody at this time.

The indictment alleges that on October 23, 2016, in the vicinity of the Dutch Quad on the SUNY Albany Campus located in the City of Albany, CASATELLI allegedly unlawfully entered a residential student suite and engaged in sexual intercourse with a female who was incapable of consent at the time. In addition, the indictment also alleges he attempted to enter another residential suite on Dutch Quad with intent to commit a crime therein.

Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon K. Sarfoh is prosecuting this case.

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***All charged individuals are presumed innocent
until proven guilty.***