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Jury Returns Guilty Verdict in I-787 DWI Case



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **CLIFFORD RATTRAY**, 50, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor, (1) Count of Moving From Lane Unsafely, a Traffic Infraction, (1) Count of Failing to Use Designated Lane, a Traffic Infraction, and (1) Count of Stop/Stand/Park Violation Highway, a Traffic Infraction, before the Honorable Joshua Farrell in Albany City Court yesterday afternoon.

After thorough deliberation and review of the evidence presented during the trial, the jury found that during the midnight hours of November 11, 2017 on Interstate 787 in the City of Albany, members of the New York State Police initiated a traffic stop after observing a motor vehicle failing to use the designated traffic lane and switching lanes unsafely on multiple occasions. .

As the vehicle was merging to the right, it came to a complete stop in the lane, blocking traffic. During the traffic stop, officers discovered RATTRAY in an intoxicated state with an odor of alcohol emanating from his breath. RATTRAY admitted to consuming two alcoholic beverages prior to driving. At the scene, RATTRAY was unable to complete Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and failed to submit a sufficient breath test. RATTRAY was apprehended and transported to New York State Police Headquarters and failed to follow instructions for proper chemical breath tests.

RATTRAY faces up to (1) one year in the Albany County Correctional Facility when sentenced on September 12, 2019.

Assistant District Attorney Ryan Murphy is handling the prosecution of this case.

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