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Landlord Sentenced After Draining Bank Account of Stroke Victim Tenant



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that EDWARD THOMAS, 55, of Bronx, NY, was sentenced to 2 to 6 years in State Prison before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning. THOMAS was also ordered to pay restitution of over \$31,000 to the victim.

On September 28, 2016, THOMAS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, and (1) Count of Forgery in the Second Degree, both class D Felonies.

In May of 2015 at a residence in the City of Albany, THOMAS, who was landlord of the property, stole personal checks belonging to a tenant who had recently suffered a stroke. THOMAS forged the victim's signature and cashed the checks, eventually emptying out the victim's bank account over the course of several months in 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Mastaitis prosecuted this case.

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