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Man Convicted of DWI After Trial



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOHN WINCHELL, 32, of Niskayuna, was found guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, (1) Count of Driving with a Suspended Registration, and (1) Count of Failure to Signal, after a jury trial on Wednesday in Guilderland Town Court before the Honorable Judge Richard Sherwood.

On September 22, 2013, at approximately 2:16 a.m., WINCHELL was driving while intoxicated on Western Avenue, in the Town of Guilderland, where he was stopped by officers of the Guilderland Police Department. He had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, impaired motor coordination, and the odor of alcohol. WINCHELL then failed the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. He refused to submit to a chemical test once back at the station.

WINCHELL faces up to 1 year in Albany County Jail when sentenced on January 14, 2016.

In addition to this possible sentence, WINCHELL must also pay fines and surcharges, attend a Drinking Driver Program, attend a Victim Impact Panel, and be subject to the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device.

Assistant District Attorney Brittany Grome of the Legal Affairs Unit is prosecuting this case.

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