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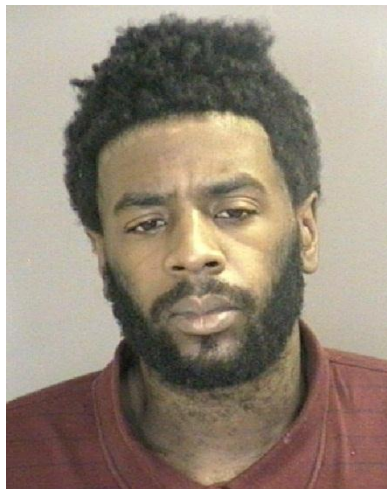
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Man Sentenced in Car Theft Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that NASHIEF HANKINS, 22, of Albany, was sentenced to two concurrent terms of 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

On March 31, HANKINS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third, a Class D Felony for being in possession of a stolen vehicle in the Town of Colonie in February.

This is HANKIN's second conviction for this crime so far this year. On October 31, 2014, at about 11:36 a.m., the Menands Police Department received a call for an abandoned vehicle at an auto shop on Broadway. During the investigation, HANKINS walked up to the vehicle and claimed ownership to the officers. HANKINS gave a false name and stated that he purchased the vehicle from a Craigslist ad. Police were able to determine that the vehicle was reported stolen from a local car dealership and did not belong to HANKINS. HANKINS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court on January 21, 2015, to receive a sentence of time served and 5 years of Felony Probation, and was released.

Two weeks later, on February 4, 2015, HANKINS was operating a 2011 Honda on Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie when he was pulled over by Colonie Police for speeding. During the traffic stop, police learned that the vehicle was reported stolen from a driveway of a nearby residence the day prior.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter prosecuted this case.

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