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Man Sentenced for Crashing Vehicle into Building and Cars



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DESHAWN CURRIE, 27, of Albany was sentenced to 2 to 6 years in State Prison by the Honorable Judge Dan Lamont this morning in Albany County Supreme Court. CURRIE will also be required to pay restitution for the damages he caused to a vehicle he struck.

CURRIE previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class D Felony.

On June 7, 2011, CURRIE was engaged in an altercation involving his girlfriend and her former boyfriend, JASON LOPEZ in the parking lot of the Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell located on Delaware Avenue, in the City of Albany. As LOPEZ fled on foot, CURRIE pursued him in his vehicle. While LOPEZ ran in front of the New World Bistro restaurant, CURRIE swerved the vehicle in his direction, barely missing LOPEZ, but crashing into the New World Bistro restaurant. Two patrons inside the restaurant were thrown from their table where they were

dining. One guest was knocked out of her shoes. CURRIE then reversed his vehicle, and continued pursuit of LOPEZ. Further up on Delaware Avenue, CURRIE veered his vehicle again at LOPEZ, this time crashing into a parked vehicle before his car came to a stop. Fortunately no one suffered any serious injuries as a result of CURRIE'S actions.

Based on his involvement in the above incident, LOPEZ was convicted of (1) Count of Stalking in the First Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, and was thereafter sentenced by the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin to a 3 year State Prison term in March, 2012.

Assistant District Attorney Brett Knowles of the Special Victims Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

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