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Man Sentenced for Driving While Impaired by Alcohol



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that BCHARA C. CHADRAOUI, 31, of Slingerlands, was sentenced this morning to pay a \$1,055 fine, be subject to a driver's license suspension for 90 days, attend a Drinker Driver Program, and attend a Victim Impact Panel before the Honorable Judge Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 1, 2014, at approximately 3:01 a.m., CHADRAOUI was operating a 2009 Volvo in the area of Delaware Avenue in the Town of Bethlehem. CHADRAOUI crossed over the double yellow line, positioning the front driver side of the vehicle into the opposite lane of travel. The vehicle then jerked back into its correct lane and continued travelling west down the road. The vehicle turned down Cherry Avenue and then onto Union Avenue. Although Bethlehem Police activated emergency lights and sirens in order to stop the vehicle, it did not pull over for another block. CHADRAOUI smelled of alcohol and refused to take the standard field sobriety tests. CHADRAOUI was found to be operating the vehicle while his ability to do so was impaired due to the consumption of alcohol.

On April 16, 2015, CHADRAOUI was found guilty after a bench trial of Driving While Ability Impaired by Alcohol.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schrantz of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

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