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Man Sentenced for Possessing Counterfeit Checks



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **RAKEEM CARTER**, 36, was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning for possessing counterfeit checks.

On October 29, 2013, **CARTER** pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

On August 22, 2013, **CARTER** cashed two counterfeit checks, one in the amount of \$3,842.09 and one in the amount of \$2,952.66. The defendant cashed these counterfeit checks at NBT Bank in the Town of Colonie and Citizens Bank in the Town of Guilderland.

The defendant must also pay restitution to each bank, \$3,842.09 to NBT Bank and \$2,952.66 to Citizens Bank.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Clark of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

DA Soares urges all retailers and consumers to be alert this holiday season for counterfeit currency, including checks, cash, and credit cards. Consumers should also routinely check financial statements for accuracy this holiday shopping season, as identity theft resulting from counterfeit schemes rises during this time of year. If you suspect illegal counterfeit activity please contact law enforcement immediately.

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