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Man Sentenced for Possessing Forged Payroll Check



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **CLYDE BOWLES**, 22, of Schenectady, was sentenced to 1 ½ to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning for possessing a counterfeit payroll check.

On December 4, 2013, **BOWLES** pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony.

October 8, 2012, BOWLES possessed a stolen payroll check with a forged signature purporting to be drawn on the account of his former employer. BOWLES attempted to cash the check at a local SEFCU bank but the forgery was detected and the police were notified.

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

DA Soares urges all retailers and consumers to always be alert for counterfeit currency, including checks, cash, and credit cards. Consumers should also routinely check financial statements for accuracy and if there is any suspicion of illegal activity law enforcement should immediately be contacted.

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