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Man Sentenced in Attempted Restaurant Robbery



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MICHAEL BUTLER**, 35, of Albany, was sentenced to 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On October 13, 2016, BUTLER pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony.

On August 22, 2016, at approximately 9:00 P.M., BUTLER entered a restaurant on South Pearl Street in the City of Albany and approached the counter while holding a wrench inside of a plastic bag in such a way to give the impression that it was a gun. BUTLER attempted to forcibly steal cash from the register, but was stopped by a customer who detained him. BUTLER was hit in the head by the cashier, and fled the scene with both the customer and cashier pursuing him. Albany Police Department responded to the scene, and caught BUTLER before he could escape.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato prosecuted this case.

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