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## **Man with 17 Counterfeit Credit Cards Sentenced**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LANIQUE VALENTINE, 32, of Norfolk, Virginia, was sentenced to 2-4 years in State Prison before the Honorable Judge Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court on the morning of Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

On November 17, 2014, at approximately 9:04 p.m., police on the Thruway at Albany stopped a 2014 Nissan Maxima in which VALENTINE was a passenger for travelling 104 mph in a 65 mph zone. 17 counterfeit debit, credit, and gift cards in order to obtain goods and services valued at over \$1,000 were found on VALENTINE. Stolen credit card information was encoded on the cards and used by VALENTINE to purchase items throughout New York State. When apprehended, numerous items purchased with these counterfeit cards were found.

On April 2, 2015, VALENTINE pleaded guilty to Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Conspiracy in the Fifth Degree, a Misdemeanor.

Assistant District Attorney Philip Apruzzese of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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