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NYS Appellate Division Unanimously Upholds 2011 Conviction for Brutal Domestic Violence Assault



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Department unanimously upheld the 2011 conviction and sentence of PHILEMON CHAVIS for severely injuring an adult female victim that was known to him. That decision can be found [here](#).

On August 11, 2011, CHAVIS, then 44, of Albany, New York was sentenced to 19 years in prison and 5 years post release supervision by the Honorable Dan Lamont.

In June, CHAVIS pled guilty to (1) count of Assault in the First, a Class "B" Felony in satisfaction of a six count indictment against him.

On March 13, 2011, between approximately 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM on Garden Alley in the City of Albany, CHAVIS intentionally caused the victim to suffer serious physical injuries including a subdural hematoma by slamming her head on the ground, shoving and dragging her. CHAVIS also strangled her until she was unconscious in an attempt to abduct her after demanding a ransom for her return.

Special Victims Bureau Chief Shannon Sarfoh handled the prosecution of the case.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp of the Legal Affairs Bureau argued to uphold the conviction of this defendant.

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