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Parolee Sentenced to State Prison for Gun Possession

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that EL-SHAMAR VANDERHORST, 22, of Albany, was sentenced to 5 years determinate in State Prison followed by 5 years of post-release supervision before Honorable Judge Thomas Breslin this morning. VANDERHORST previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, a Class D Violent Felony.

On June 30, 2012 the Albany Police Department were responding to a report of shots fired when they observed VANDERHORST speeding away from the area on his bicycle. VANDERHORST led police on a brief chase which resulted in the defendant falling from his bicycle and then crawling on the ground near vehicles that were parked on State Street in the City of Albany.

Once VANDERHORST was detained police located a .22 caliber loaded firearm, a bag of (11) .22 caliber bullet rounds, a cell phone, and a bus pass located nearby. VANDERHORST did admit to police that these items did belong to him and were under his possession.

VANDERHORST was on Parole at the time of the incident.

“Gun violence is a plague on our communities. Through the ENOUGH Program, over 450 illegal firearms have been removed from the streets. My office will continue to work side by side with law enforcement throughout Albany County in order to protect those in our community from the threat of gun violence,” said DA David Soares.

If you or anyone you know wants to turn in an illegal firearm, please reach out to the ENOUGH Program at 209-3557.

Assistant District Attorney Daniel Lynch from the Street Crimes Bureau handled the prosecution of the case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

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