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## **Persistent Violent Felon Sentenced to 12 Years to Life For Brutal Albany Assault**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RICKY RODRIGUEZ, 41, of Albany, was sentenced to 12 years to Life in State Prison as a Mandatory Persistent Violent Felon before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On September 6, 2019, RODRIGUEZ pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony.

On March 22, 2019, at approximately 8:50 P.M., RODRIGUEZ intentionally struck and stomped

on a person who was not known to him while in the vestibule of 45 Central Avenue in the City of Albany. The incident left the victim with numerous injuries, including but not limited to: two collapsed lungs, multiple broken ribs, a broken clavicle and cervical bone, an aneurism in his leg that required bypass surgery, and stitches in both eyes. The assault left the victim in need of multiple surgeries and months of subsequent hospitalization, with the certainty of life-long permanent injury.

RODRIGUEZ was sentenced as a Mandatory Persistent Violent Felon based on his extensive criminal history and previous convictions.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Major Offense Unit prosecuted this case.

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