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## **Repeat Con-Man Sentenced to Prison**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **CARLTON PHOENIX**, 51, of Albany, was sentenced to 3 ½ to 7 years in State Prison before the Hon. Dan Lamont in Albany County Court for his role in a fraud scheme.

PHOENIX was previously found guilty after jury trial to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, and (2) Counts of Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree, both Class A Misdemeanors, on April 30, 2012.

Between April 1, 2011 to September 15, 2011 PHOENIX duped a victim into advancing him \$6,000 with the promise of a pending \$380,000 Veteran's Administration grant to buy two properties. PHOENIX utilized fraudulent faxes and FedEx packing slips to further his scheme, even going so far as to create a fictitious Veterans Affairs representative named "Robert Wooderson." "Wooderson," who was actually PHOENIX using a phony voice, would call the victim in attempt to legitimize the ongoing scheme.

This is PHOENIX's 5th felony conviction for crimes similar in nature.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Baynes.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

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