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Repeat DWI's Lead to State Prison



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LESTER ROYAL, 55, of Albany, was sentenced to 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison this morning in Albany County Court before Judge Stephen Herrick. ROYAL previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class D Felony on November 20, 2012.

ROYAL, who at the time of the crime was on felony level probation for a previous DWI conviction, also was sentenced to a concurrent term of 1 to 3 years in State Prison for the violation of probation.

On September 20, 2011, ROYAL was driving a vehicle on South Pearl Street in the City of Albany when police pulled him over for a traffic infraction. ROYAL had visible signs of intoxication and failed several field sobriety tests. ROYAL refused a breathalyzer test.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Peluso of the Vehicular Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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