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## Repeat Drunk Drivers Get State Prison Sentences



**Winters**



**Trainosky**

**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that PHILLIP WINTERS, 42, of Westerlo, was sentenced to 2 to 6 years in State Prison before Albany County Court Judge Joseph Teresi on Tuesday morning in Albany County Court.

WINTERS previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class D Felony. In addition to incarceration, WINTERS was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine, license revocation for 1 year and the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device in any vehicle he may have access to for 3 years following his release.

On June 23, 2012, WINTERS drove his car down Route 85 in Westerlo after consuming several alcoholic beverages at a friend's house. WINTERS drove his car into a ditch and proceeded to continue down Route 85, almost colliding with motorists in the opposite lane before finally

coming to a stop. Concerned motorists followed WINTERS and boxed in his car preventing him from leaving as well as taking his keys from him.

On WINTERS's actions that night, Judge Teresi commented, "You are a menace on the highway and you are going to end up killing yourself or an innocent motorist."

This is WINTER's third state prison sentence for DWI convictions.

Additionally, JAMES G. TRAINOSKY, 47, of Troy, was sentenced on Tuesday morning before Judge Teresi in Albany County Court to 1 to 3 years in State Prison for driving while intoxicated and a concurrent six month sentence on the Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree.

TRAINOSKY previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree.

On May 25, 2012 TRAINOSKY was observed driving at a high rate of speed and crossing over into the median through a police sobriety checkpoint. TRAINOSKY had physical signs of intoxication and an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. TRAINOSKY was driving without a valid driver's license.

Although this is TRAINOSKY's first felony conviction, it is his fifth alcohol related conviction and third conviction for driving while his license was suspended.

"My office will continue to hold drunk drivers accountable. Our tough and smart approach to drunk driver accountability will keep Albany County's roadways safe for our communities," said DA Soares.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter handled the prosecution of these cases.

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