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Schenectady Woman Pleads Guilty to Role in Hate Crime Ring



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **JESSICA PARADISO**, 27, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to (2) Counts of Attempted Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, and (1) Count of Conspiracy in the Fifth Degree as a Hate Crime, all Class E Felonies, before the Honorable Judge Roger McDonough yesterday in Albany County Court.

Between February 2014 and November 2014, PARADISO, together with several co-defendants, performed work under false pretenses for victims at their respective homes, including driveway sealing, foundation work, and roof repair. PARADISO targeted elderly victims at various residences in the City of Albany, Town of Bethlehem, and Town of Colonie. PARADISO targeted the victims based on perceptions of their age, and did overcharge the victims, or fail to do work for which payment was collected, based on those perceptions. The theft from all victims was in excess of \$40,000.00.

PARADISO faces up to 6 to 12 years in State Prison when sentenced at a future date to be determined by the Court.

The case against PARADISO's co-defendants remain open and pending in Albany County Court.

Assistant District Attorney Jessica Blain-Lewis of the Financial Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

For more information please contact Cecilia Walsh at (518) 275-4710.



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All parties are presumed innocent until and unless convicted of a crime

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