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Second McDonald's Robber Pleads Guilty



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HECTOR L FERRARIS, 33, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On the morning of August 4, 2014, FERRARIS and co-defendant JOSE RIVERA JR, entered a McDonald's in the Town of Colonie of which RIVERA was employed. Inside, FERRARIS and RIVERA did unlawfully attempt to rob the restaurant with what appeared to be a gun, but stopped when an employee of the McDonald's recognized RIVERA's voice and asked him to stop. RIVERA then struck the employee and fled along with FERRARIS. The incident was caught on surveillance video and RIVERA later confessed to law enforcement.

FERRARIS faces up to 4 years in State Prison plus 1 ½ years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on December 11, 2014.

On September 25, 2014, FERRARIS' co-defendant, JOSE RIVERA JR, 39, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, before Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court.

RIVERA faces 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on November 20, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Linda Griggs of the Major Offense Bureau is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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