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Sentences Handed Down in Counterfeit Credit Card Scheme



Eric Reyes



Hector Bonilla-Diaz



Delmesha Perkins

ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HECTOR BONILLA-DIAZ, 32, of Bronx, NY, was sentenced to 2 to 4 years in State Prison before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On January 19, 2016, BONILLA-DIAZ, along with co-defendants ERIC REYES, 25, and DELMESHA PERKINS, 34, conspired with one another and committed a scheme to defraud that involved the use of counterfeit credit cards to purchase multiple Visa gift cards at various Hannaford Supermarkets throughout the Capitol Region. The Colonie Police Department uncovered the scheme after initiating a traffic stop on Troy-Schenectady Road in the Town of

Colonie after observing BONILLA-DIAZ using his cell phone while driving his vehicle. Police uncovered multiple fraudulent credit cards in the vehicle.

All three co-defendants each previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

On September 19, 2016, co-defendants REYES AND PERKINS were each sentenced before Judge Peter A. Lynch for their respective roles in the crime. REYES received 1 to 3 years in State Prison, and PERKINS received 6 months in the Albany County Jail, to be followed by a 5 year term of Felony Probation.

Assistant District Attorney Shadi Masri of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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