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Sentencing After Lark Street Robbery Trial



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that EDWIN CRUZ, 30, of Albany, was sentenced to 17 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

In addition, CRUZ was also sentenced to 10 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post-Release Supervision, for the Robbery in the Second Degree conviction, and 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 Years of Post-Release Supervision, for the Assault in the Second Degree conviction, all to run concurrent to the 17 year sentence.

On December 4, 2014, CRUZ was found guilty after jury trial of (1) Count of Robbery in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

On August 11, 2013, at approximately 2:40am, while in the area of 269 Lark Street in the City of Albany, CRUZ did approach a male that was a stranger to him and proceed to forcibly steal his wallet. When the victim attempted to retrieve his wallet back, CRUZ slashed the victim's face with a box cutter. The injury caused two lacerations that required several stitches to close and left permanent scarring on the victim's face.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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