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Sentencing, Guilty Plea for Special Victims Unit Cases



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ALVIN WASHINGTON, 58, was sentenced to 1 ½ to 3 years in State Prison this morning in Albany County Supreme Court.

On November 15, 2012, WASHINGTON, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E felony, before the Honorable Thomas Breslin.

On September 14, 2012, WASHINGTON violated a previously established No Illegal Contact Order of Protection by contacting the victim at her residence in the City of Cohoes.

Later that evening, WASHINGTON returned to the victims' residence and threatened to kill the victim while brandishing a knife. The Cohoes Police Department responded and arrested WASHINGTON.

Additionally, JOSEPH LEWIS, 29, of Troy, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Tampering in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Thomas Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court.

On August 31, 2012, LEWIS drove his car into a vehicle being driven by the victim while a five year old and a three year old were in the backseat. LEWIS then fled but was located by police several blocks away.

A No Contact Order of Protection was issued at LEWIS' arraignment on these charges and the defendant was remanded to Albany County Correctional Facility. While being held for his preliminary hearing, LEWIS called the victim several times telling her not to come to court for the hearing.

LEWIS faces 1 ½ to 3 years in State Prison when he is sentenced on January 11, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Carmen Warner of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted these cases.

For more information please contact Heather Orth.

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