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Sentencing in Albany Rape Case



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **ALBERT DIRSCHBERGER**, 55, of Lancaster, NY, was sentenced to a total of 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 10 years of Post- Release Supervision, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this afternoon.

On March 1, 2019, **DIRSCHBERGER** was found guilty of (1) Count of Rape in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony.

After hearing testimony and reviewing evidence over a week-long trial, the jury concluded that during the late evening of December 5, 2017 and early morning of December 6, 2017, while located in a hotel at 144 State Street in the City of Albany, DIRSCHBERGER engaged in sexual intercourse with an adult female victim that was known to him without her consent. In addition, the jury found that DIRSCHBERGER engaged in oral sexual conduct with the same victim without her consent.

At the time of the incident DIRSCHBERGER was employed as the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services for Erie County, New York.

Executive Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney and Assistant District Attorney Ariel Fallon of the Special Victims Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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