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Sentencing in Hatchet Attack Case



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HOUSTON BROWN, 20, of New Windsor, was sentenced to 11 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, before the Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 16, 2015, BROWN pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony.

On January 31, 2015, at approximately 2:15 a.m., in the area of the intersection of Lark Street and Chestnut Street, BROWN did attack a man with a hatchet. At the same time, BROWN's co-defendant, CORNELIUS WILLIAMS, beat the man with a wooden cane. The victim suffered from several lacerations which required emergency surgery to stop the bleeding in his leg. This incident occurred after a concert at the Washington Avenue Armory.

WILLIAMS was previously sentenced for his role in the assault to 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post-Release Supervision, before Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin on November 25, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Offense Unit prosecuted both of these cases.

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