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### **Staten Island Man Sentenced to 7 years in Prison for Attempted Robbery**

*\*\* Frank Andolina threatened to stab store employee with hypodermic syringe during attempted hold-up \*\**

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that FRANK ANDOLINA was sentenced to seven years in prison after previously being convicted of Attempted Robbery in the First Degree, a class C violent felony, for threatening to stab a South Shore store employee with a hypodermic syringe during an attempted robbery.

In addition to the prison term, ANDOLINA, 48, was also sentenced to five years post release supervision by Justice Wayne M. Ozzi in Richmond County State Supreme Court, St. George. ANDOLINA had previously been found guilty of the top count against him, as well as five additional indictment counts, following a week-long jury trial.

“The defendant made a brazen robbery attempt while wielding a dangerous hypodermic needle and the people of Staten Island are safer now that he is behind bars,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.

On Jan. 21, 2015 at approximately 5 p.m., defendant ANDOLINA entered the CVS pharmacy located at 250 Page Ave. in Richmond Valley and was observed placing numerous assorted cold medications into a bag. When a store employee attempted to apprehend ANDOLINA and recover the aforementioned property, the defendant forcibly retained the cold medications, pushed the store employee, removed a hypodermic needle from his pocket and pointed said needle at the store employee. “Let me go! I have AIDS! I will stab you,” ANDOLINA screamed, in sum and substance, at the store employee while attempting to stab him with the hypodermic needle. The store employee was not hurt, the property was recovered and ANDOLINA fled the location, only to be later arrested by the police.

The case was prosecuted by ADA Kate Malloy and ADA Anthony Catalano, Chief of the Supreme Court Bureau.

#### Defendant Information:

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