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Staten Island Man Convicted of Attempted Robbery in the First Degree

*** Frank Andolina threatened to stab store employee with hypodermic syringe during attempted robbery ***

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that FRANK ANDOLINA has been found guilty 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.

ANDOLINA, 48, was convicted yesterday of the top count against him, as well as five additional indictment counts, following a week-long jury trial in Richmond County State Supreme Court before Justice Wayne M. Ozzi. He faces a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 15 years in prison when he is sentenced on Feb. 11, 2016.

“The defendant is now a convicted violent felon, and rightfully so, after his robbery attempt with a dangerous hypodermic needle,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “His criminal actions quickly progressed in severity from shoplifting to almost stabbing someone, and for those reasons society will be safer with him behind bars. I’d also like to congratulate ADA Kate Malloy on a job well done for successfully securing a felony conviction while prosecuting her first felony trial.”

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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