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Paul Carmichael Sentenced to 16 Years to Life as a Persistent Felony Offender

On Thursday, December 12, 2019, 41-year-old Paul Carmichael was sentenced by Justice Victoria Argento to 16 Years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections after it was proven by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office "that the history and character of the defendant and the nature and circumstances of his criminal conduct are such that extended incarceration and lifetime supervision of the defendant are warranted to best serve the public interest."

On May 23, 2019, Paul Carmichael pled guilty to two counts of Driving While Intoxicated as Class D Felonies, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree and Driving a Vehicle Not Equipped with an Ignition Interlock Device. He was promised a sentence of 2 1/3 to 7 years in the New York State Department of Corrections, as long as he returned to court for sentencing and was not arrested again before the sentencing date. Paul Carmichael was warned that if he did not appear for sentencing or if he was arrested again, the promise could be withdrawn and he could receive a life sentence as a persistent felony offender.

Mr. Carmichael failed to appear for sentencing on July 18, 2019, and a bench warrant was issued. Upon the execution of the warrant, Paul Carmichael was charged with Resisting Arrest, Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree and Harassment in the 2nd Degree after a domestic violence incident.

Based on his charges and six previous felony offenses, including four felony DWIs, Attempted Burglary in the 2nd Degree, and Attempted Burglary in the 3rd Degree, the People proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Carmichael is a Persistent Felony Offender. They also proved that as a matter of equity Paul Carmichael should be sentenced as a Persistent Felony Offender.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Karin Intermill of the DWI Bureau.

"Paul Carmichael has repeatedly demonstrated that he is unwilling to consider the safety of others in our community," said Assistant District Attorney Karin Intermill. "His actions have repeatedly placed other people in harm's way and he has shown no remorse for his actions. He has also consistently refused to accept responsibility for his criminal conduct, and has shown no likelihood that he will change his behavior. Significant incarceration and life-time supervision are necessary in this case to protect the community from Mr. Carmichael."

"Paul Carmichael has had no regard for the law or the well-being of the residents in this community," said District

Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Mr. Carmichael’s blatant disregard for the criminal justice system and lack of responsibility for his twenty year criminal history prove that he is a persistent felony offender and a consistent threat to public safety. Based on his actions over the past decades, Paul Carmichael is best served with supervision in the New York State Department of Corrections than as a member of our community.”

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