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2 ½ to 5 Year Sentence For Illegal Firearms Possession

CARMEL, NEW YORK – District Attorney Robert V. Tendy announced the conviction of 36 year old Bronx resident Anthony Savarese for the crime of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a class D Felony Offense.

Savarese, who has a criminal history including a felony conviction for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, was driving on the Taconic State Parkway when he crashed his vehicle on the shoulder of the roadway. The quick response to the single car crash by New York State Police led to the recovery of an illegal loaded .38 special revolver the defendant kept in the center console of his Porsche.

Savarese left the scene but was spotted a short distance away where he admitted fleeing the crashed vehicle and leaving the loaded firearm behind. ADA Joseph Charbonneau's aggressive prosecution of the Predicate Felon resulted in his conviction and a sentence of 2 ½ to 5 years in State Prison and forfeiture of 30,000 dollars.

"ADA Charbonneau did a great job prosecuting this case. Illegal firearms in the hands of felons are extremely dangerous," Tendy said. "I am grateful that the New York State Police recovered the weapon before anyone was hurt. Those who unlawfully possess weapons not only put citizens in danger, but they also jeopardize the second amendment rights of law abiding citizens. It will not be tolerated."