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Arson Fraud Appeal: P v Akiva Daniel Abraham

Saratoga Winners Owner Begins Prison Term for Arson Fraud

Albany, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that AKIVA DANIEL ABRAHAM appeared in court this morning to begin his 4 to 12-year sentence in state prison after a guilty verdict was affirmed by the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division in April. Please refer to the decision [here](#).

After a fire was intentionally set at Saratoga Winners on April 30th, 2009, ABRAHAM then filed a "Property Loss Notice" in an attempt to obtain insurance proceeds in excess of \$380,000 when he knew the property had been destroyed by arson.

In August of 2010, ABRAHAM was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Insurance Fraud in the Second Degree, a Class "C" Felony in front of the Honorable Dan Lamont. He received a sentence of 4 to 12 years in prison.

ABRAHAM elected to appeal his case, contending that the evidence was not legally sufficient for the jury to determine that he was guilty of the crime. The Appellate Division rejected the defendant's arguments, holding that the evidence was legally sufficient.

ABRAHAM has been out on bail pending appeal. ABRAHAM's sentence remains at 4 to 12 years in state prison. His prison term begins today.

Assistant District Attorney Christopher Baynes prosecuted the case and Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp of the Appeals Unit successfully argued the appeal.

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