## News Release from The Honorable Sandra Doorley

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## **Snow Plow Scammer Pleads Guilty**

Rochester, NY- Today, 39 year old Scott Romero pled guilty to felony charges of scamming over 200 Monroe County consumers out of approximately \$42,500 this past Fall. Romero has been held in custody at the Monroe County Jail since his arrest on December 12, 2014.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mark Monaghan, Chief of the Economic Crime Bureau.

"Our recommendation to the maximum period of incarceration and parole supervision, one and a third to four years, reflected the variety of thoughts and opinions held by our two hundred plus victims, as well as the practical reality that payment of restitution by Mr. Romero is extremely unlikely to occur any time soon," said Monaghan. "This case vividly illustrates how inadequate the available punishments are in New York State, where all scammers are treated the same regardless of the number of victims or the amount." The two hundred plus individual money judgments filed by the DA's Office on behalf of each victim will remain a part of the County Clerk's records until paid in full.

Scott Romero will receive 1-3 years in State prison when he is sentenced by Judge Christopher Ciaccio on May 27th.

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