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CONVICTED FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO SECOND GUN POSSESSION OFFENSE IN ROCKLAND COUNTY

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Rockland County District Attorney Thomas E. Walsh II announced today that Rudy Alphonse (48), of Spring Valley, NY, pleaded guilty to one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, and one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree on November 9, 2026, before the Honorable Kevin F. Russo in Rockland County Court.

As part of his guilty plea, Alphonse admitted that on September 7, 2025, he possessed a loaded and operable firearm without a permit or license in the County of Rockland, while also having been previously convicted of a felony. Alphonse further admitted that he was in possession of a large capacity ammunition feeding device on that date and that his license to operate a motor vehicle had been revoked for refusing to submit to a chemical test. Alphonse was previously convicted of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree on July 8, 2008, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree on May 8, 2019, both in Rockland County Court. At the time of the incident, Alphonse was on parole.

At the time of the plea, the People recommended that Alphonse be sentenced to 10 years in state prison, followed by 5 years of post-release supervision. The Court offered the defendant a sentence of 7 years in state prison, followed by 5 years of post-release supervision, in connection with his guilty plea. When a defendant pleads guilty to every count of an indictment, the Court has the authority to impose a lawful sentence without the consent or agreement of the District Attorney's Office. Accordingly, the sentence offered by the Court was not negotiated or agreed upon by the People.

Alphonse is scheduled to be sentenced on February 10, 2027, at 9:30 a.m., before the sitting County Court Judge.

District Attorney Thomas E. Walsh II said, "Today's guilty plea to Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree is particularly troubling because this is the defendant's second gun conviction.
Repeat gun offenders pose a serious threat to the safety of our communities. Those who have previously been convicted of a gun crime and choose to illegally possess a firearm again must face serious consequences. Let me be clear: my office will aggressively prosecute individuals who repeatedly violate our gun laws. We will not tolerate conduct that places the lives of our residents and law enforcement officers at risk. This guilty plea demonstrates our unwavering commitment to holding repeat offenders accountable, removing illegal firearms from our streets, and protecting the people of Rockland County. Public safety is not negotiable."

District Attorney Walsh thanked the Orangetown Police Department and the Rockland County Sheriff's Office for their assistance and dedication throughout the investigation and prosecution of this case.

The case is being prosecuted by Supervising Assistant District Attorney Sharleen Bailon and Supervising Assistant District Attorney Kaitlin DeLuca of the Rockland County District Attorney's Office, whose diligent work and unwavering commitment to public safety were instrumental in securing this guilty plea.