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Press Release

Man sent to state prison for Flashing volleyball team

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A Walpole man has admitted that he exposed himself to a high school female volleyball team as they drove through town on a school bus in 2016 and been sent to state prison, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Darren Grant, 42, was already on probation supervision for open and gross lewdness in October 2016 when he began following the school bus full of high school volleyball players. At a stop light on Rte. 1 in Walpole, three of the teenagers – ages 16 and 17 – looked down and saw his pants lowered and his genitalia exposed.

Grant was wearing a GPS tracking device at the time of the incident, and police were able to confirm through GPS data that he was on Rte. 1 in that area when the incident occurred. He was arrested later while traveling to Weymouth. Grant had multiple prior incidents involving open and gross lewdness and he was registered as a sex offender with Walpole police. "Walpole police put the pieces together pretty quickly and established a strong case," District Attorney Morrissey said.

"The maximum penalty for open and gross lewdness is 3 years in State Prison. We asked that Grant be given consecutive 2.5 to 3 year state prison terms for both the 2016 offense and the 2007 offense for which he was still on probation," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Defense counsel requested a 2 years in the county house of correction. The court imposed 2.5 to 3 years in state prison on each count, but to run concurrently. We are pleased that the judge recognized that both this incident and the defendant's long pattern of conduct warranted a state prison sentence."

The case was brought through the grand jury process by Assistant District Attorney Sarah Lelle and indicted in November of 2016. Assistant District Attorney Danielle Piccarini was prosecuting the case at the time of the plea. The families of the young athletes involved declined to be present for the June 21, 2017 plea.