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Press Release

Multi-town burglary spree Nets State Prison time

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A former Brockton man last week admitted to a rash of burglaries in Quincy, Holbrook, Canton and Stoughton, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Anthony Brown, age 57, admitted to committing the crimes in 2012, 2013 and 2014, stealing iPads, jewelry, a laptop, a camera and a distinctive coin jar with an automatic counter on top which the rightful owner eventually identified.

"Mr. Brown was a busy man during that period, including slipping off a probation department GPS monitoring device, fastened too loosely to his ankle, to commit some of these crimes while that device registered him at home," District Attorney Morrissey said.

"The Holbrook Police executed a search warrant on his home on March 25, 2014 after a location signal was received from one of the stolen iPads," DA Morrissey said. "Quincy Police collected droplets of blood on the frame of a broken window at the site of a Phillips Street burglary which eventually linked back to Brown. Canton Police were able to link a pair of distinctive gloves found in Brown's car to crimes in that town. Multiple agencies were closing on Mr. Brown."

Assistant District Attorney Emily Nesson asked Judge Kenneth J. Fishman to impose a sentence of 15 to 18 years on the unarmed burglary charges with concurrent shorter sentences on various larceny and receiving stolen property charges, Morrissey said. That recommendation was intended to add committed time to the 20 year state prison sentence imposed in 2015 after ADA Nesson tried Brown to conviction on burglary and habitual criminal indictments out of Randolph.

Judge Fishman imposed a sentence of 7 to 8 years in state prison on the five burglary indictments, 4 to 5 years on each of the four grand larceny and one receiving stolen property indictment – all to run concurrent with one another and the existing 20 year sentence. The sentence was imposed on Nov. 5 in Norfolk Superior Court.

"The Canton, Holbrook, Quincy, Randolph, and Stoughton police departments put together tight, thorough investigations on these cases," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Assistant District Attorney Nesson did good work at trial in 2015 and in bringing these additional cases to resolution."