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Holliston Man indicted in masked armed robbery of Millis restaurant

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The Holliston man accused of donning a mask robbing Marinho's Pizza a knifepoint in May has been indicted by a Norfolk County grand jury and arraigned in Norfolk Superior Court, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

"Gino Lister was indicted June 21 on three counts of masked armed robbery and one count of breaking and entering in the daytime to commit a felony," District Attorney Morrissey said. "By indicting this case into Superior Court, it opens the possibility that Lister will face more substantial penalties should he eventually be convicted."

The Millis police department responded to the 984 Main Street restaurant May 5, 2012 at about 11 a.m. for a report of a robbery. Workers at the shop said that while preparing food in the kitchen in preparation of opening the store, a masked man entered the rear door which leads directly into the kitchen. The man had a knife, described as being five inches long, pointed at the workers and began demanding money, according to court documents.

Although the assailant was allegedly masked, one of the alleged victims identified the man as an ex-employee named Gino, who had worked there approximately three years prior; the victim said he knew it was Gino because of his build and speech, and provided police with Gino's contact information, according to prosecutors.

After he was placed under arrest and transported to the Millis police station, a search of Lister's car revealed a hooded sweatshirt, dark colored mask, and a roll of coins consistent with being part of the cash allegedly taken in the robbery, according to court documents.

"Lister pled not guilty at his Superior Court arraignment on July 12 and was ordered held on \$10,000 cash bail," District Attorney Morrissey said. He is due back in Norfolk Superior Court on August 8, 2012 for pre-trial conference."

August 8 is also the date that Lister is due to return to the Dedham District Court, diagonally across the street from Superior Court, where he faces charges of stealing jewelry and technology from the Wellesley Middle School until his arrest on those charges last November, according to Morrissey.

Morrissey said that charges and indictments are only accusations and that, as with all defendants, Lister should be considered innocent until proven guilty on all counts.

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.