

Local man who committed at least eight area house breaks-ins sentenced to prison

A 31-year-old man with listed addresses in Fall River, Taunton and Providence who committed at least eight house breaks in one week in late July of 2015 was sentenced last week in Fall River Superior Court to serve six to nine years in state prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

James Stanzione pleaded guilty to indictments charging him with eight counts of larceny from a building, six counts of unarmed burglary and two counts of breaking and entering.

All the housebreaks occurred between July 21, 2015 and July 26, 2015. Four of the break-ins occurred in Seekonk, two occurred in Swansea and another two occurred in Fall River.

The defendant was eventually arrested after surveillance images taken from some of the robberies were published in the media. A Bristol County House of Corrections employee identified the defendant from the images, and told police the defendant had just been released from jail about a month prior to the house-breaks.

The defendant had previously served jail time at least three times on past breaking and entering convictions.

The case was prosecute by Assistant District Attorney Jeanne Veenstra and the state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Raffi Yessayan. The judge also placed the defendant on supervised probation for an additional two years.

"The defendant has a terrible record of breaking into people's home and invading their sense of privacy and security," District Attorney Quinn said. "Simply put, this defendant is a menace who should be kept off the streets for as long as possible."