

# Repeat Massachusetts car thief sentenced to state prison

A 26-year-old Fall River man who was involved in the theft of eight motor vehicles and the attempted theft of three others last August, was convicted of a litany of crimes recently and sentenced to serve five years in state prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Alexander Amaral pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court earlier this month to indictments charging him with eight counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, four counts of breaking and entering into a vehicle during the nighttime with the intent to commit a felony, two counts of larceny over \$1,200 and one count each of breaking and entering into a building with intentions to commit a felony and larceny from a building.

The motor vehicle thefts, attempted thefts and instances of breaking and entering all occurred in Fall River and Somerset between August 5 and August 12, 2020. As a result of investigations conducted by both Fall River and Somerset Police departments, all eight stolen vehicles were recovered.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Carolyn Morrisette and the state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Renee Dupuis. In addition to the five year state prison sentence, Judge Dupuis also placed the defendant on supervised probation for an additional three years.

The defendant has a lengthy records of convictions for similar incidents of vehicle thefts and burglary in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Virginia and Georgia.

“The defendant is a career thief who has a history of stealing

cars. The sentence is necessary to keep the defendant off the street to protect the public from him.," District Attorney Quinn said.