

Vermont man who robbed Massachusetts bank sentenced to prison

A 51-year-old Vermont man who three years ago robbed a Mansfield banking institution was sentenced to serve nine years in state prison yesteryear, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Alfred Craven Jr. pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court to an indictment charging him with unarmed robbery.

On September 18, 2017, the defendant robbed the North Easton Savings Bank in bank Mansfield. After approaching a bank teller, he uttered "don't do anything quick." The defendant then handed the teller a note, which read, "this is a robbery. Fill the bag."

The defendant then fled with more than \$1,000 in cash.

Mansfield Police published a surveillance photograph of the suspect on its Facebook page and received multiple calls identifying the defendant.

At the time of the robbery, the defendant was wanted in Vermont for an extremely violent assault that had left the victim comatose. The defendant was eventually tracked down and apprehended in Vermont.

The nine year state prison term imposed by Judge Renee Dupuis will run concurrently with a 15 year to life prison sentence the defendant received in Vermont for the near-fatal assault.

□The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Flynn.

"The defendant is a career criminal who is serving a potential

life sentence for a violent assault in the state of Vermont. His date of parole eligibility is 2032. He is a significant danger to the community and needs to be kept off the street for as long as possible," District Attorney Quinn said.