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Press Release

South Boston man gets prison for string of Brookline break-ins

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A 29-year-old South Boston man admitted in Norfolk Superior Court Wednesday to breaking in to multiple Brookline apartments in the summer of 2015, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

"The Brookline Police Department put together a very strong case against Mark Brown," District Attorney Morrissey said. "They were able to trace the use of stolen credit cards, then obtain video surveillance footage of Brown using those cards in Boston, and footage from an apartment complex placing him at one of the locations."

Working with the Boston Regional Intelligence Center, they were able to identify the man in the images as Brown, Morrissey said. "The Brookline Police had developed compelling evidence at every stage of the timeline – from the break-ins to the use of and sale of the property. It seems likely that the strength of the case colored Brown's decision to plead guilty to all of the indictments against him, even in the face of state prison time."

Morrissey said the break-ins occurred in July and August of 2015 on St. Mary, Harvard, Egmont and Winthrop Streets. Assistant District Attorney Sarah Lelle asked Judge Beverly Cannone to impose a state prison sentence of 5 to 7 years, citing Brown's record of convictions in Suffolk County for similar offenses in 2009. Defense attorney Dan Silverman asked for a sentence of 3 years.

Judge Cannone imposed 4 to 5 years.

"When Brown was taken into custody, he was still in possession of an MBTA Charlie Card that detectives had documented as being purchased with one of the stolen credit cards," DA Morrissey said. "This was a very thorough police investigation."