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Press Release

State prison ordered for Foxboro man Busted in three bank robberies there

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A Cocasset Street, Foxboro, man is in prison after admitting last week that he perpetrated three bank robberies in Foxboro over the course of four months in 2013 and early 2014, according to District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Nicholas Grover, 24, of 18 Cocasset Street, pled guilty to three counts of unarmed robbery for the December 20, 2013 and March 31, 2014 robberies of the Foxboro Federal Savings Bank on Central Street and the January 29, 2014 robbery of the Rockland Trust branch on Mechanic Street in Norfolk Superior Court on Feb. 20, 2015, Morrissey said.

"Foxboro detectives, including Detective Patrick Morrison, did all the right things in this investigation. In the absence of physical evidence, they secured surveillance video and photographs and disseminated those through social media and the Mass Most Wanted web site," Morrissey said. "Those efforts resulted in two community members calling police to identify this on the day of the third robbery."

Morrissey praised the community members who contacted police. "Law enforcement is most effective when the police department and the community work together. There is no substitute for the support and partnership of the public, which Foxboro police benefitted from in this case."

After receiving leads on the identity of the robber, detectives assembled probable cause to execute a search warrant on his Cocasset Street apartment. That search produced evidence linking him to the robberies, half a gram of heroin and 10 OxyContin pills.

A forensic examination of the defendant's phone seized during the search revealed that a 911 emergency call was made on January 29, 2014 to the Police at the request of the defendant. The caller reported a person with a gun at the Patriot Place just before the defendant robbed The Rockland Trust Bank. The Police determined that the purpose of that call was to divert and focus police resources while the robbery was in progress.

Assistant District Attorney David Omiunu asked Judge Raymond Brassard to sentence the defendant to 4 to 6 years in state prison, followed by probation supervision. Judge Brassard ordered Grover to serve 2 to 3 years in prison, followed by 5 years of probation. Conditions of probation include that he obtain a mental health evaluation and participate in recommended treatment, abstain from drugs and alcohol during those years, submit to random drug screening, gain employment and pay restitution to be determined while on probation.

In the combined robberies, Grover had stolen just over \$18,000.