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### **'Ninja Burglar' pleads guilty to 3 counts of Second-Degree Burglary**

*\*\*\* Robert Costanzo will be sentenced June 14 to 25 years in prison \*\*\**

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that ROBERT COSTANZO, the “Ninja Burglar” whose decade of break-ins spanned from 2005 to 2015 and stretched across the tri-state area, pleaded guilty to three counts of Burglary in the Second Degree, a class C violent felony, contained in a Superior Court Information.

“Finally unmasked as the ‘Ninja Burglar,’ Mr. Costanzo has taken responsibility for these three burglaries and will receive a substantial prison sentence of 25 years,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “For 10 years, the residents of Grymes Hill, Emerson Hill, Todt Hill, Lighthouse Hill, Castleton Corners, Silver Lake, West Brighton and Grasmere slept in fear of being burglarized by a brazen thief. Now, they can rest assured knowing that Mr. Costanzo will be securely behind bars.”

This universal plea agreement will be concurrent to jail terms in Connecticut, New Jersey, and Albany and Saratoga counties.

Based on his plea, and according to the three-count Superior Court Information, COSTANZO admitted to committing burglaries at the following residences:

1. 177 Benedict Rd., on Nov. 8, 2011;
2. 66 Jenna Lane, on Jan. 3, 2013; and
3. 16 Coldspring Court, on April 3, 2015.

COSTANZO, 46, entered his guilty plea this morning before Judge Stephen Rooney in Staten Island Supreme Court, St. George. He is scheduled to be sentenced to 25 years in prison and five years post-release supervision on June 14, 2016. He was previously arraigned on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

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The case is being prosecuted by ADA David Frey, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Bureau.

The investigation was handled by Detective Steven Greco and Lt. Kevin Gallagher, commanding officer of the NYPD RCDA Detective Squad.

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**Defendant Information:**

Robert Costanzo

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