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D.A. McMahon: Staten Island Man Indicted for burglarizing homes of senior citizens

**** Alleged burglar targeted octogenarians ****

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that DOMINIC POVEROMO has been indicted on charges including five counts of Burglary in the Second Degree as a Hate Crime, among other charges, for separate incidents in which the defendant allegedly stole cash sums from the homes of octogenarians, all women, after gaining entry into each of the victims' residences through deception and trickery.

“The defendant in this case took advantage of the goodwill showed to him by his victims, allegedly gaining entry into most of the victims' homes under false pretenses, either by promising them he would shovel snow, or by claiming he was collecting donations for charity,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “My office takes any allegations of elder abuse, whether it is financial or physical, seriously. We will continue to work diligently to hold criminals who prey on seniors accountable and to initiate an Elder Abuse Unit within the office that will better serve the people of Staten Island and prevent scammers from carrying out their schemes.”

According to an 18-count indictment and documents filed in court, the burglaries were committed under the following circumstances:

Victim	Date	Time	Location	Entry point	Stolen items
85-years-old	June 12, 2015	4:30 a.m.	Wilson Ave.	Defendant claimed he was there for future snow removal. Agrees to do this for United States Currency (USC).	Victim gives defendant \$260 check for services, and he stole \$200 from her purse. He immediately cashed the check before the victim could cancel it.

82-years-old	Sept. 24, 2015 - Sept. 25, 2015	Time unknown	Reno Ave.	Defendant claimed he was there for future snow removal. Agrees to do this for \$200.	Defendant stole \$1,200 in USC from victim's house after he distracted her.
86-years-old	Feb. 3, 2016	3 p.m.	Oldfield St.	Defendant claimed he was there for charity.	Victim gives defendant \$3 for the charity. Defendant takes \$200 from victim's bag after he distracted her by getting her to leave the room.
89-years-old	Feb. 4, 2016	4:30 p.m.	Sanilac St.	Defendant claimed he was there for cancer charity.	Victim gives defendant \$2 or \$3 for the charity. Defendant takes \$100 from her wallet.
81-years-old	Feb. 17, 2016	5:30 p.m.	Peter Ave.	Defendant claimed he was there for future snow removal.	Defendant took \$100 in USC.
Victim in her 80s	Feb. 17, 2016	5:35 p.m.	Peter Ave.	Defendant claimed he was there for future snow removal.	Defendant took \$100 in USC. Defendant never entered this residence.

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The case is being prosecuted by Trials Bureau Deputy Chief ADA Adam Silberlight.

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The charges contained in the attached indictment are merely allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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Defendant information:

Dominic Poveromo

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