



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
RICHMOND COUNTY

MICHAEL E. MCMAHON
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

130 STUYVESANT PLACE
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK 10301
TELEPHONE (718) 876-6300

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release on Friday March 31, 2017

Contact: Ryan Lavis (718) 556-7150
Ryan.Lavis@rcda.nyc.gov

D.A. McMahon: Staten Island Man Pleads Guilty to Burglary in the Second Degree as a Hate Crime

****Dominic Poveromo targeted the homes of octogenarians****

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that **Dominic Poveromo** has pleaded guilty to Burglary in the Second Degree as a Hate Crime for separate incidents in which the defendant stole cash sums from the homes of octogenarians, all women, after gaining entry into each of the victims' residences through deception and trickery.

Poveromo, 36, entered his guilty plea today before Judge Mario Mattei in Staten Island Supreme Court, St. George. The defendant is schedule to be sentenced on April 26.

“This defendant targeted seniors, taking advantage of the goodwill showed to him by his victims by gaining entry into most of their 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. “Elder abuse, whether it is financial or physical, is a crime that my office takes extremely serious and we will continue to work diligently to hold criminals who prey on seniors accountable. I would like to commend the NYPD Detectives in the 122nd Precinct for all of their hard work on this case and also thank ADA Adam Silberlight for his tireless efforts in securing a just and fair conviction for the victims and the people of Staten Island.”

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. Defendant also stole \$200 from her purse.
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.

=====

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

====

Defendant information:
Dominic Poveromo
D.O.B. 11/10/79
Staten Island, N.Y.

-End-