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QUEENS MAN SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS IN PRISON
FOR SPREE OF RESIDENTIAL BREAK-INS

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Queens man was sentenced to nine years in prison after pleading guilty last month to burglary charges in connection with a series of residential break-ins throughout the borough in the last months of 2016.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendant broke into the homes of various people - victims who had their private and personal spaces invaded by a stranger - and ransacked their residences and stole their property. The defendant admitted his guilt and has now been sentenced to a lengthy term of incarceration.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Juan Cuervo, 54, of 56th Avenue in the Maspeth section of Queens. The defendant pleaded guilty last month to second-degree burglary. Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Stephanie Zaro sentenced Cuervo on Friday to nine years in prison to be followed by five years’ post release supervision.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, the defendant burglarized nine different homes in several Queens neighborhoods, predominately in Elmhurst and Flushing, Queens, between September 15, 2016, and December 7, 2016. In each incident, the defendant ransacked the homes and stole various property, including a camera, silver coins, jewelry and cash.

Assistant District Attorney Bahiya Lawrence prosecuted the case, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Neil Gitin, Supervisor, of the District Attorney’s Special Proceedings Bureau, Anthony M. Communiello, Bureau Chief, and Oscar W. Ruiz, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco.

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