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## *Press Release*

### Jail sentence in Braintree white collar theft

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A 26-year old Revere man has been sentenced to six months in jail and ten years of probation after admitting his guilt in a sophisticated scheme involving establishing a bogus web site and email addresses and trying to divert cash and business away from his Braintree employer.

Assistant District Attorney Greg Connor asked Judge Kenneth J. Fishman to sentence Hicham Mziguir to 2 ½ years in the House of Correction, with 18 months to serve, followed by ten years of probation monitoring, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey. Defense attorney Ed McLaughlin requested 5 years of probation. Judge Fishman ordered Mziguir to serve 6 months of a 2 ½ year term followed by 10 years of probation. He is also subject to a related civil restitution order.

"In October of 2010 Hicham Mziguir was hired by Angstrom Advanced as a sales associate and engineer, with some background in engineering, computers and foreign language skills," District Attorney Morrissey said after the plea. "In late January of 2011 one Angstrom client began to receive emails from nick@stat-technology.com stating that he needed to pay a \$60,000 fee ahead of schedule."

Nick is the name of another official within the company. "That was among the first of what proved to be several bogus email contacts and activities aimed at diverting business and income away from his employer and to himself," Morrissey said. "It was uncovered by senior officials at the company, and their search of Mziguir's computer helped establish the extent of the activities. Braintree police took it from there and put together a good, strong case."

On October 3, 2013, Mziguir pled guilty to four indictments for Identity Fraud, one indictment for Larceny of Property valued at more than \$250, one indictment for forgery, one indictment for perjury and one count of intimidation of a witness.

He was placed in custody in the courtroom and taken to the Norfolk County House of Correction to begin serving his sentence.