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Press Release

Held without bail for allegedly wielding axe in armed robbery

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A Braintree man has been held without bail after pleading not guilty to robbing a Quincy pizza shop armed with a pickaxe, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

John P. Waschela, age 27, of Skyline Drive in Braintree, pled not guilty to one count of armed and masked robbery at his Jan. 29, 2014 arraignment at Quincy District Court.

Assistant District Attorney Patrick Kelly successfully moved to have the court revoke Waschela's bail on two open cases based on the new arrest. He will be held without bail on those cases for 60 days on those revocations; the court additionally ordered \$25,000 cash bail on the Sunday Jan. 26 armed robbery of the Hancock Street pizzeria.

During that robbery, Waschela is accused of not only displaying the weapon but also striking a wall inside the shop with the axe while demanding money.

Waschela was ordered to return to the Quincy District Court February 27, 2014 for a probable cause hearing.