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A month after arrest, a trip to State Prison

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The shoplifter who assaulted two Quincy police officers last month, bloodying the face of one, is headed to state prison for 4 years, District Attorney William Keating announced.

Brendan McGuinness (DOB: 12-06-72), formerly of Sumner Street, was already in default on indictments for receiving stolen property in 2007 and assaulting a corrections officer at the state prison in Walpole in 2004 when Quincy Police stopped his 1994 Buick LeSaber on February 7, 2008.

He pled guilty on all three cases Thursday (March, 27 2008) in Norfolk Superior Court, the day he was supposed to be going on trial for the 2004 Walpole assault. Judge Elizabeth Donovan accepted prosecutor's request for a 4 year state prison sentence.

Just before 2 p.m. on February 7, McGuinness carried an old receipt into the CVS on Beale Street in Quincy, took the merchandise listed on the receipt off of store shelves and tried to return the merchandise for cash. That is a well-known shoplifting scheme. When the store refused the return, he exited the store with the items, which then set off the theft deterrent alarm at the door, since the items had never been purchased.

Quincy Police stopped McGuinness' 1994 Buick LeSaber still in the parking lot of the store. While the first officer on the scene was attempting to handcuff McGuinness, McGuinness spun quickly and violently smashed the officer's face with his elbow and then began running. He was chased down by other responding officers within minutes, still wearing a handcuff attached to one wrist, and continued to scuffle with officers.

Judge Donovan gave McGuinness the 4 year sentence on the 2004 Assault and Battery on a corrections officer, 2 ½ years concurrent time on the assault from last month and a year on the stolen property charge, suspended for two years of supervised probation after his release from state prison.

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.