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BROCKTON MAN SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR BEATING A MAN

BROCKTON – A man who beat and seriously injured a man at a Brockton gas station has been sentenced to State Prison, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Robert Hickey (DOB: 4/19/69) pleaded guilty today to one count each of Assault and Battery with a Deadly Weapon and Assault and Battery. Brockton Superior Court Judge Richard Chin sentenced Hickey to serve six to eight years in State Prison to be followed by one year of Probation with conditions that Hickey stay away and have no contact with the victim, and that Hickey undergo mental health counseling.

On November 30, 2015, Brockton Police responded to a report of an altercation at Brockton Convenience & Gas Station at 158 Montello Street. Upon arrival, Brockton officers found bystanders tending to a male victim who was suffering from serious head and facial injuries. Police interviewed witnesses and reviewed surveillance footage and it was determined that the victim and Hickey exchanged words at a gas pump prior to the altercation. Witness accounts and video footage revealed that Hickey then pushed the victim to the ground and punched him in the face numerous times before kicking him in the face. Bystanders attempted to intervene in the beating but Hickey and his female companion prevented them from getting involved. Hickey then fled the scene. The victim was transported to Brockton Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Brockton Police located Hickey at the Brockton Area Transit Authority bus station a short time later and he was placed under arrest. Both of Hickey's hands were bleeding.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Brian Fahy and investigated by Brockton Police.

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