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## Press Release

### Brookline Library Flasher Sentenced to State Prison

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The habitual flasher arrested by Brookline Police after exposing himself in that town's library in 2013 is heading to State Prison.

John A. Beyers, 68, of Brighton, admitted exposing himself to different children at the Coolidge Corner Branch of the Brookline Public Library on September 21 and 26, 2013. Brookline Police identified him by comparing surveillance video from the library to his sex offender registry photo. Detectives also confirmed that he was present at the library at the time of the reported incidents by cross-referencing the GPS monitoring device he was wearing as part of his probation following an earlier Norfolk Superior Court conviction for Open and Gross Lewdness.

"Brookline Police put together a good body of evidence proving that Beyers was guilty of these crimes. That likely colored his decision to admit his guilt even though we were asking the court for the maximum sentence," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said. Beyers pled guilty on July 22, 2014 before Norfolk Superior Court Judge Robert C. Cosgrove.

The maximum penalty for Open and Gross Lewdness is 36 months in State Prison. Assistant District Attorney Danielle Piccarini asked for 35 to 36 months on the first count and 35 to 36 months consecutive on the second count, for a total of 70 to 72 months. Judge Cosgrove sentenced him to 30 to 36 months in state prison, followed by 5 years probation. Conditions of probation include GPS monitoring, he must stay away and have no direct or indirect contact with the victims, stay away from all libraries and undergo sex offender evaluation and treatment.

Brookline Police apprehended Beyers at his Commonwealth Avenue apartment the day after the second incident. After refusing for more than 20 minutes to open the door for police, officers entered with the assistance of the property's management company and placed him under arrest. In the interview that followed, Beyers acknowledged a decades-long history of exposing himself.

He pled guilty to two counts of Open and Gross Lewdness and two counts of Annoying and Accosting a Person of the Opposite Sex.