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Locked out of getaway car, bank robber gets 3 years in prison.

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Bruno Santolim, DOB 02-03-86, of Somerville Ave in Somerville, pled guilty to Armed Robbery and Armed Assault to Rob in Norfolk Superior Court today, almost a year after he locked himself out of his getaway car during a bank robbery in Brookline, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

“Santolim walked into a bank on Harvard Street in Brookline at about 3:30 p.m. on April 8, 2010, showed a teller a large black handgun and passed the teller a note on a deposit slip that read 'I have a gun, I want the money,’” District Attorney Morrissey said after the plea today (March 1, 2011). “Another teller noticed that the money had been given over without being counted and presumed it was a robbery and pushed a silent alarm button; that prompted Mr. Santolim to point his gun at him.”

Santolim fled the bank with a quantity of money. A witness saw him run to a black Infiniti G35. That car was found by the police in the lot, still running with its keys in the ignition, Morrissey said. “Brookline police also discovered the robber had left the Infiniti's remote alarm key fob on the teller counter. He apparently had locked himself out of his getaway car.”

Police traced the car's registration to a female from Belmont. Subsequent investigation led to the defendant, who had borrowed the car earlier in the day. As Brookline police checked several known addresses for Santolim, leaving their contact information at those sites, one detective received a telephone call from him stating he had “(expletive) up in your city today and did some mad (expletive.)”

“The defendant also bragged that police would never catch him,” District Attorney Morrissey said. “That brag was short lived. Because of the professional work of the Brookline Police Department, he was apprehended six days later by federal authorities on a bus in Louisiana, traveling under the alias “Eduardo Henrique Gonzalves.”

Assistant District Attorney Brian Wilson asked that Santolim be sentenced to 3 ½ to 5 years in State Prison. He was sentenced to 3 years to 3 years and 1 day State Prison, which he began serving immediately. When Santolim has served his sentence, he will be released into the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which has lodged a detainer to begin deportation proceedings to return him to his native Brazil.

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