

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



**THOMAS J. SPOTA  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

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### **Serial burglary and robbery suspect arraigned**

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota today announced the arrest and indictment of a 29 year old burglary and robbery suspect believed to be responsible for at least five robberies and fourteen burglaries of retail outlets and professional offices in the Central Islip and Brentwood areas over the past five months.

Ronny Lacaliano, AKA Ronny Laca, pleaded not guilty to a 19 count indictment. Robbery in the second degree is a class C violent felony punishable by a prison term of five to 15 years and burglary in the third degree is a class D felony punishable by a maximum prison sentence of two and one-third to seven years. District Attorney Spota said additional robbery and burglary charges are likely. Lacaliano was ordered held in lieu of \$200,000 cash bail.

“Mr. Lacaliano was a one man crime wave for five months in Brentwood and Central Islip,” the district attorney said, “and during his robbery and burglary spree, he stole a total of over \$13,000 in cash from over one dozen victims.” Lacaliano is charged in the indictment with five robberies of a nail salon, a bakery, a chiropractic office, a tax service office and a phone store. During each robbery, the defendant entered the premises brandishing what appeared to be a silver handgun and demanding money. The gun, recovered following his arrest, was a starter’s pistol.

The indictment charges the defendant with 14 counts of burglary in the Central Islip and Brentwood areas from November 11<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>. In each crime the defendant broke a window or door to enter the business and steal cash, tools, and cell phones. “There are written confessions to four of the burglaries and oral confessions to the other ten”, said Spota. Surveillance photos were obtained from some of the burglaries and there were fingerprints and swabs of blood obtained from some of the locations. The forensic evidence has been submitted to the Suffolk County Crime Lab for comparison and analysis.

The defendant told detectives he would typically use the stolen money to buy vodka, beer and crack and, on at least two occasions, he wired money to family members in Honduras.



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