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### **Sentencing for hate crime robberies**

A Middle Island man was sentenced today to eight years in prison for targeting and robbing Hispanic men in 2009 and 2010.

Sean Allen, 20, of Granny Road, Middle Island, pleaded guilty last month to robbing nine men, all Hispanic except for one victim of middle-eastern descent, in the Selden, Centereach, Terryville and Port Jefferson area between December, 2009 and March of 2010.

Allen and Felicia Smith of Selden would wait in Smith's 2003 Honda outside delicatessens frequented by Hispanic males and confront the victims, stealing their cash and sometimes their cell phone. Each of the victims reported the crimes to the SCPD who assigned teams of detectives from two precincts to interview witnesses and pursue leads.

Smith, 19, pleaded guilty to the robberies and was also sentenced to eight years imprisonment and five years post release supervision.

Another codefendant, Sammie Darby Jr., 32, of Woodside Road, Mastic Beach, who participated in one robbery, pleaded guilty to robbery in the second degree on March 10 and will be sentenced to five years in prison and five years post release supervision on April 11.



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