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Yaphank man arraigned for store robberies

A 50 year old Yaphank man pleaded not guilty today to robbery charges for the gunpoint hold-ups of the Sports Authority, Bob's Store and other retail outlets.

William Anthony Dougherty's DNA profile from his blood collected by Suffolk police at the scene of an attempted robbery last month at Fortunoff's Outdoor Store in Lake Grove led to his arrest yesterday.

Dougherty is also the suspect in the robberies of the Bob's Store in Selden in December of 2008, Burlington Coat Factory in December of 2010, Sears Hardware in Hauppauge in May of this year, and the Sports Authority store in Stony Brook last August. District Attorney Thomas Spota said the victims of the robberies "were employees who were threatened by the defendant to open store safes and cash registers."

According to the district attorney, the ongoing investigation could result in additional charges against Dougherty.

The defendant pleaded not guilty in Suffolk County First District Court to four counts of robbery first degree and one count of first degree attempted robbery and is being held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bail.



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