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Boston detectives recognized for work catching suspect in Mattapan armed robberies

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Boston Police Commissioner Dennis White and Deputy Superintendent Paul Lozada recognized this week for helping capture an armed robbery suspect. BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Several Boston police detectives have been recognized for their work in catching a man connected to a spate of recent armed robberies in Mattapan.

Between Aug. 19 and Sept. 3, seven armed robberies took place in Mattapan, and in each of those instances, the victims were women who were walking home alone from the Mattapan MBTA station or a bus stop on Blue Hill Avenue, according to police. The robberies took place at night, between the hours of 9:45 p.m. and 2 a.m., according to police. In four of those incidents, the victims were stabbed in the lower body, police said.

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On Sept. 10, a female sit-down call clerk reported she had been stabbed following a robbery on Walk Hill Street. She reported she was attacked after getting off an MBTA bus, police said. Sergeant and Fogarty, along with fellow Boston police detectives Ed Young and Jean-Gerard Desnaiford, and Sergeant Detective John Fitzgerald were conducting surveillance in the area and started to search for the suspect. Those detectives saw a man matching the description of the person of interest in the past and recognized others who was carrying a black backpack. The man was crossing his face under a hood, police said, and left the area on an MBTA bus.

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The bus was stopped and the suspect, Walker Browning, was placed under arrest. Browning was found to be in possession of a small knife and was identified by the sit-down call and past robbery victims, according to police.

Earlier this month, Browning was arraigned on armed robbery charges in connection with two separate late night robberies. He was held without bail for a probation violation at his arrangement. Since that arraignment, police have charged him in connection with five other armed robberies, the department confirmed Friday.

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