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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS COUPLE CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING SIX-MONTH OLD SON
AND SEVERELY BURNING HIM**

Face Up to 25 Years in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Queens Village couple -- a 32-year-old father and 16-year-old mother -- have been charged with assault and reckless endangerment in the severe beating and burning of their six-month-old son in their home on three separate occasions during the past month.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendants are charged with assaulting their six-month-old son on three separate occasions by punching and slapping him in the head and seriously burning his hands. It is alleged that they thereafter brought him to a local Queens hospital with the intent to abandon him. The defendants' alleged attack on their innocent and helpless child is beyond comprehension and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Their callous disregard and lack of parental concern for one of society's most vulnerable victims, in fact their own child, is astounding and appalling."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendants as Kevin Gary, Sr., 32, and Katrina Calloway, 16, both of 109-01 Francis Lewis Boulevard in Queens Village, Queens. The defendants have been charged with multiple counts of Assault in the First Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child and face up to 25 years in prison, if convicted. Defendant Gary is additionally charged with Assault in the Second Degree and Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree for violating an order of protection that directed him to stay away from his son's mother.

The District Attorney said that a criminal complaint charges that on three separate occasions between May 8 and June 1, 2006 at the defendants' Queens Village residence, they are alleged to have repeatedly and forcefully beat their son, Kevin Gary, Jr., by punching him in the head and forcefully slapping him across his face. It is additionally alleged that defendant Gary placed at least one rubber band around the child's hands to restrain the baby from removing the pacifier from his mouth and then placed him near a space heater which directly radiated heat onto the child's hands. The child cried as a result and the defendant allowed the child to remain near the space heater for 20 minutes. His hands then became, among other things, swollen, infected and blistered. The child sustained a fractured skull and clavicle as a result of defendant Gary's beating, bruising to his upper hip, swelling to his head and upper torso, bruises and contusions to the inside of his lip and forehead and third-degree burns and infection to both his hands as a result of the defendants' actions and failure to seek medical attention for Gary Jr.'s various injuries.

According to the complaint, it is further alleged that defendant Calloway has observed defendant Gary punch and slap their child on the head and body on at least 30 occasions over the past six months. Defendant Calloway is additionally charged with shaking her son on one occasion due to frustration with his crying. It is further alleged that yesterday afternoon, the defendants brought their son to Jamaica Hospital to try to abandon him. The child is currently in stable condition and being treated at a local hospital.

According to the District Attorney, defendant Gary was initially arrested on December 21, 2005 and charged with the statutory rape of defendant Calloway. The defendant pled guilty to child endangerment before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Pauline A. Mullings who sentenced the defendant to a conditional discharge and issued an order of protection.

The defendants were apprehended yesterday and are being held for arraignment later today in Queens Criminal Court in Kew Gardens.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Luz Figueroa of the New York City Police Department's 112 Special Victims Squad under the supervision of Sergeant Gisella Rodriguez.

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Assistant District Attorney Frank P. DeGaetano, Supervisor of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau is prosecuting the case under the overall supervision of Assistant District Attorney Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Charles A. Testagrossa and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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