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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON  
FOR MURDERING HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Queens man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for the fatal shooting and beating of his 71-year-old mother-in-law inside their Hollis residence.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant was found guilty by a Queens jury for the brutal and vicious murder of his mother-in-law. Under the circumstances, the prison sentence imposed by the court is just punishment for a cruel and premeditated crime."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Sydney Sampson, 57, of 105-20 189<sup>th</sup> Street in Hollis, Queens. Sampson, a school bus driver and part time ambulette driver, was convicted on November 15, 2006, of second-degree murder and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon after a two and one-half week jury trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Buchter, who sentenced him today to 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to the trial testimony, the defendant was abusive to his wife for many years. The defendant's hatred for his mother-in-law, Olga Prince, 71, increased as he became frustrated with her from living in the family's home and attempting to protect the family from his abusive behavior. Alone in the house with Ms. Prince on the morning of November 10, 2003, he shot her in the face with a .380 caliber handgun – which shattered her jaw and ribs and perforated her jugular vein – before viciously beating her to death.

Assistant District Attorney Eric C. Rosenbaum, Chief of the District Attorney's DNA Prosecutions Unit, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Marjory D. Fisher, Chief of District Attorney Brown's Special Victims Bureau, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Charles A. Testagrossa and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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