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**D.A. BROWN: GRAFFITI VANDAL “KIKO” SENTENCED TO JAIL  
FOR DEFACING QUEENS PROPERTIES**

*Ordered to Pay \$25,000 In Restitution to Business and Home Owners*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that ‘KIKO’ – a 28-year-old Manhattan resident and one of New York City’s more notorious graffiti taggers – has been sentenced to six months in jail and ordered to pay \$25,000 in restitution to the City and business and home owners whose property he damaged.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendant, an admitted graffiti tagger, has now been punished for vandalizing the Astoria and Long Island City sections of Queens County and leaving in his wake thousands of dollars in damages to private and public properties. Among the locations ‘tagged’ by the defendant were overpasses, trucks, walls, gates, garage doors, roof shingles and even trees. In addition to having to pay for the damage he caused, the defendant will now spend six months behind bars reflecting upon that which he has done. Hopefully, he has learned his lesson.”

District Attorney Brown added, “Graffiti is a symptom of crime and negatively affects the quality of life of all citizens through decreased property values, increased taxes and a financial burden on affected businesses and homes. City officials and anti-graffiti activists have done a remarkable job over the years in cleaning up New York City’s image as a graffiti-scarred city. Today’s sentencing demonstrated that we will not allow one individual to mar the beauty of our City or threaten to return us to the days when our transit system and our highways and buildings were covered with graffiti.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Oliver Siandre, 28, a/k/a “KIKO,” of 100 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street in Manhattan. The defendant pleaded guilty on October 19, 2006, to three counts of second-degree criminal mischief, two counts of third-degree criminal mischief and one count of fourth-degree criminal mischief before Queens Supreme Court Justice Barry Kron. In addition to sentencing the defendant to jail and ordering him to make restitution, Justice Kron also sentenced the defendant to five years’ probation.

According to the District Attorney, in pleading guilty, the defendant admitted that, between September and December 2005, he spray painted his tag name “KIKO” and his crew’s name “Crazy 8” or “C8” on various public and private properties in Queens County – including a wall at St. Demetrios Greek American School, located at 30-03 30<sup>th</sup> Drive in Astoria; pillars, a tree and the ground inside Athens Square Park, located at 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 30<sup>th</sup> Street in Astoria; the garage door of the Powhattan Regular Democratic Club, located at 41-05 Newton Road in Long Island City; and a Metropolitan Transit Authority overpass.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael Brovner of the District Attorney’s Gang Violence and Hate Crimes Bureau prosecuted the case under the supervision of Mariela Palomino Herring, Bureau Chief, and Michelle E. Goldstein, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James Clark Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials John H. Larsen.

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