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D.A. BROWN: CITY SANITATION WORKER CHARGED WITH DWI
Allegedly Smashed Snow Plow into Two Automobiles, Endangering Life of Motorist

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a New York City Sanitation worker operating a snow plow following Sunday's blizzard has been charged with driving while intoxicated after striking two automobiles and injuring a driver.

District Attorney Brown said, "City sanitation crews did a tremendous job this weekend in responding to the storm and clearing our streets of snow. For a uniformed member of the City's workforce to allegedly climb behind the wheel of a mammoth City snow plow while intoxicated and endanger the lives of the public should not detract from the Sanitation Department's overall snow-removal efforts. Yesterday's occurrence is just another example of the consequences resulting from driving while intoxicated. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Anatoly Zaborsky, 60, of 90-59 56th Avenue in Elmhurst, Queens. The defendant is being held pending arraignment on charges of two counts of Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, two counts of Reckless Endangerment in the Second Degree and one count of Driving While Intoxicated. He faces up to one year in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine if convicted.

The District Attorney said that the criminal complaint charges that on Monday, February 13, 2006, at about 5:57 p.m. the defendant was recklessly operating a New York City Sanitation garbage truck with a snow plow attached while intoxicated proceeding westbound on 34th Avenue on the northwest corner of 85th Street in Jackson Heights, Queens and struck a 1987 GMC van that was double parked and a 2004 Kia that was operated by Gisup Lim, 25, who sustained bruising to his left leg.

District Attorney Brown said that according to the charges the defendant had bloodshot, watery eyes, slurred speech, an odor of alcohol on his breath and was unsteady on his feet. The defendant refused to take an intoxilyzer test to determine his blood alcohol level.

District Attorney Brown said that the defendant was arrested at the scene by police officers of the New York City Police Department's 115th Precinct. The defendant is expected to be arraigned later today in Queens Criminal Court.

Assistant District Attorney Daniel J. O'Leary of the District Attorney's Integrity Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys James M. Liander, Bureau Chief, and Carmencita N. Gutierrez, Deputy Bureau Chief and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

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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