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**D.A. BROWN: JFK SECURITY GUARD CONVICTED IN MURDER
OF CAB DRIVER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER OF FACTORY WORKER**

Faces Up to 50 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that an East Elmhurst man who worked at John F. Kennedy Airport as a security guard was convicted today of the fatal shooting of a Woodside cab driver and the wounding of a Jackson Heights factory worker during two botched robberies in November 2002.

District Attorney Brown said, "The crimes of which the defendant has been convicted were cold, calculated and opportunistic, and resulted in one hardworking family man senselessly losing his life and another being seriously wounded. I hope that the surviving victim and all of those affected by these two tragic incidents can find some degree of solace in today's conviction and in the knowledge that the defendant will be sent to prison for many years as punishment for his actions."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Paul Chandler, 34, of 106-09 27th Avenue in East Elmhurst, New York. He was convicted, following a 3-week jury trial, of Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Robbery in the First and Second Degree, Assault in the First Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second and Third Degrees.

A jury of six women and six men deliberated for approximately seven hours over two days before returning a verdict of guilty yesterday before Queens Supreme Court Justice Daniel Lewis who set sentencing for February 14, 2006. The defendant faces up to 50 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to the trial testimony, the defendant, armed with an illegal .32-caliber revolver, and two accomplices – Gary Hodges and Jason Wright – attempted to rob yellow cab driver Luis Quizhpi outside his Woodside home at approximately 3:00 a.m. on November 9, 2002. Quizhpi, who had just finished a 14-hour shift, was shot once in the forehead by Chandler following a brief struggle in which the victim tried to escape. The victim died three days later. On November 12, 2002, at approximately 4:20 a.m., the three individuals and a fourth man – Marlon Clements – attempted to rob Orlando Giraldo, 42, in Jackson Heights as he headed to his factory job. When Giraldo resisted and ran from the scene, three of the robbers pursued him, including Chandler, who fired two shots, striking the victim in the right buttock and his left leg. In both instances, the robbers fled empty handed.

Marlon Clements, 24, of 114-40 203 Street in St. Albans, pleaded guilty on September 21, 2004 to Robbery in the Second Degree and was sentenced to four years in state prison. Gary Hodges, 29, of 108-09 159 Street in South Jamaica, who pleaded guilty on June 30, 2004, to Murder in the Second Degree, is scheduled to be sentenced on February 7, 2006, at which time he faces up to 25 years to life in prison. Jason Wright, 30, of 106-35 159 Street in Jamaica, is scheduled to stand trial on January 31, 2006.

Assistant District Attorney Denise Tirino of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief, 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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