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**D.A. BROWN: THREE BROOKLYN MEN ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES OF MURDER
IN STABBING DEATH OF FLUSHING MAN OUTSIDE ASTORIA NIGHTCLUB**

Held Without Bail; Face 25 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that three men from the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn have been arraigned on an indictment charging them with the murder of one man and the wounding of another following a dispute outside the Clic nightclub in Astoria last July.

District Attorney Brown said, "According to the charges, the defendants – two of whom were teenagers at the time of the incident – intentionally caused the death of a 20-year-old man. The crime is one more shocking example of mindless violence that takes innocent lives and recklessly endangers public safety."

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Jonathan W. Andujar, 20, of 541 Wythe Avenue in Brooklyn, no known employment; Angel Class, 19, unemployed, and Juan Gonzalez, 29, a carpenter, both of 60 Division Avenue in Brooklyn. The defendants have been charged in a four-count indictment with Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree. The defendants each face a sentence of 25 years to life in prison if convicted.

District Attorney Brown said that it is alleged in an indictment filed by his office in Queens Supreme Court in Kew Gardens that on Saturday, July 9, 2005, at 4:50 a.m. in front of 35-20 30th Avenue in Astoria, Queens, the defendants acted in concert in stabbing Jimmy Zisimopoulos, 20, in the abdomen – fatally wounding him – and cutting a 27-year-old Brooklyn man on the right leg. The incident allegedly occurred after the defendants had left the Clic nightclub, located at 32-04 Broadway.

District Attorney Brown said that the defendants were arrested last year by NYPD Detective David J. Beutel of the 114th Precinct. Defendants Andujar and Class have been in custody since that time. Defendant Gonzalez has been out until recently on \$800,000 bail. The defendants were arraigned earlier today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Randall T. Eng who remanded them without bail and set a return date of August 16, 2006.

The investigation was conducted by Assistant District Attorney Travis W. Hunter of the District Attorney's Homicide Investigations Bureau under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, and Peter J. McCormack III, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Peter V. Lomp of the Homicide Trials Bureau under the supervision of Brad A. Leventhal, 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.

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

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