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**D.A. BROWN: FORMER COLLEGE POINT RESIDENT SENTENCED
TO 23 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING SEVEN YOUNG CHILDREN**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a former College Point resident has been sentenced to 23 years in prison for sexually abusing seven children – five of whom who had gone to his house to play with his own children. The victims were five girls and two boys ranging in age from seven to eleven.

District Attorney Richard A. Brown said, “The defendant has admitted to preying on young children for his own degenerate pleasure. In each instance, he would isolate the child, either inside his van or in his own home, and sexually abuse them. The sexual nightmare that he inflicted on his young victims destroyed their childhood innocence and scarred them emotionally and psychologically for life. As such, the sentence imposed is more than warranted.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Michael Flory, 49, a mechanic who formerly resided in College Point, Queens and West Hempstead on Long Island. The defendant pleaded guilty on May 25, 2006 to four counts of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree and four counts of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the Second Degree before Queens Supreme Court Justice Joseph Grosso who imposed today’s determinate sentence of 23 years in prison on each of the first-degree charges and seven years in prison on each of the second-degree charges. The sentences are to run concurrently to each other.

District Attorney Brown said that in pleading guilty the defendant admitted that between March 1, 2004 and March 11, 2005, he sexually abused the seven children inside his former College Point residence or in his van parked outside the home.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Vincent Pellizzi of the New York City Police Department’s Queens Special Victims Squad Child Abuse Unit under the supervision of Captain Janine Irizarry, Lieutenant Arthur Hall and Sergeant Guisella Rodriguez and the overall supervision of Inspector Ann Marie Connell.

Assistant District Attorney Donna M. Golia of the District Attorney’s Special Victims Bureau prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Kenneth M. Appelbaum and Lucinda C. Suarez, Deputy Chiefs, and Marjory D. Fisher, 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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