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**D.A. BROWN: TWO QUEENS RESIDENTS SENTENCED  
IN STRANGULATION AND BEATING DEATH OF RELATIVE**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that two Elmhurst men have been sentenced to 18 years and 21 years, respectively, in the strangulation and beating death last June of a male relative who was slain at their residence and his lifeless body dumped on a nearby street.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendants have admitted that they beat and strangled their victim before dumping his body on a street and discarding their bloody clothes, the murder weapons and the victim’s personal property in a nearby dumpster. The lengthy penalty of imprisonment imposed by the court is more than warranted.”

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Farhan Ahmed, 23, and Muhammed Hanif, 42, both of 83-09 Dongan Avenue, Elmhurst, Queens. Both defendants pleaded guilty on April 26, 2006 to first-degree manslaughter before Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Hanophy who imposed today’s determinate sentence of 18 years in prison for defendant Hanif and 21 years in prison for defendant Ahmed.

District Attorney Brown said that in pleading guilty the defendants admitted that they choked the victim – Arshad Mahood, 42, and the cousin of Hanif’s wife – with a scarf and used a metal pipe to beat him about the head and body on the night of June 8, 2005. The incident occurred in Hanif’s Dongan Avenue apartment.

District Attorney Brown added that the defendants also admitted that they dumped the victim’s body in front of 86-24 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Elmhurst and thereafter discarded the metal pipe, their bloody clothes, the scarf and personal property of the victim in a dumpster at 244 Linden Boulevard in Elmont.

Assistant District Attorney Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Chief of the District Attorney’s Homicide Trials Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys 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.

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