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D.A. BROWN: THIRD QUEENS YOUTH SENTENCED FOR VICIOUS KILLING OF CHINESE RESTAURANT DELIVERYMAN WHO WAS ROBBED, STABBED AND FATALLY BLUDGEONED; 20 YEARS TO LIFE SENTENCE IMPOSED

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Queens youth has been sentenced to 20 years to life in prison for the robbery and brutal slaying of a young Chinese food deliveryman in February 2004. The victim had been fatally beaten with a bat and a hammer and then stabbed before his lifeless body was dumped in a pond.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has admitted his guilt, waived his right to appeal and acknowledged that he was among those responsible for the vicious and senseless murder of 18-year-old Huang Chen, a young man who worked in his family's restaurant preparing meals and delivering take-out food orders. Hopefully, the Chen family will find solace in the knowledge that those who committed this horrendous crime have been sent to prison for a long time."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Nayquan Miller, 18, of 168-24 127th Avenue in Jamaica, Queens, who pleaded guilty on July 19, 2005 to second-degree murder and second-degree robbery before Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert C. Hanophy who imposed today's indeterminate term of 20 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said the defendant, in pleading guilty, admitted that, sometime after 10:00 p.m. on February 13, 2004 at 168-24 127th Street in Rochdale Village, he and two accomplices – Charles Bryant and William Capehart – placed a food order with a Chinese restaurant. When deliveryman Huang Chen arrived, they intentionally caused his death by beating him about the face and head and stabbing him in the upper torso. The defendant also admitted that he and his two accomplices forcibly stole money from Huang Chen and then disposed of physical evidence of the crime, including blood-stained clothing, before dumping the victim's body in a pond in Brookville Park a few miles away.

District Attorney Brown said that defendant Bryant, 18, of 245-39 147th Drive in Rosedale, was convicted by a jury on March 16, 2005 of second-degree murder, first-degree robbery and tampering with physical evidence. Defendant Capehart, 18, of 98-25 Horace Harding Expressway in Corona, was convicted on January 24, 2006 of second-degree murder, first-degree gang assault, first- and second-degree robbery and tampering with physical evidence. Justice Hanophy, who also presided at Bryant and Capehart's trials, imposed a sentence of 51 and 1/3 years to life in prison on each defendant.

Assistant District Attorney Brad A. Leventhal, Chief, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Rosemary Chao, of the District Attorney's Kew Gardens I Trial Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Francesco Catarisano, Kew Gardens I Bureau Chief, Raymond E. Scheer and Robin D. Leopold, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, 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 S. Saunders and Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials John H. Larsen.

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