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D.A. BROWN: HOLLIS MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR VIOLENT TWO-WEEK CRIME SPREE

Admitted to Raping Woman, Assaulting Nun and Robbing Banks

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Hollis, Queens, man who committed a series of violent crimes – including rape, assault and bank robbery – during a two-week period in January 2005 has now been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said, “In pleading guilty, the defendant has admitted that he is a violent and dangerous predator who needs to be separated from society. He will now spend the next quarter of a century in prison with the opportunity to reflect upon his violent and mindless crimes.”

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Roy Williams, 32, of 190-25 Woodhull Avenue in Hollis. The defendant pleaded guilty on September 11, 2006 to first-degree rape, first-degree assault and first- and third-degree robbery before Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Buchter who imposed today’s sentence of 25 years in prison.

According to District Attorney Brown, the defendant pled guilty to the following incidents:

- a bank robbery on January 4, 2005 at a North Fork Bank branch at 257-03 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica during which the defendant gave a teller a note claiming he was armed and would shoot her co-workers before fleeing with \$1,811;

- a bank robbery on January 7, 2005 at the Bank of America branch at 175-57 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica during which the defendant passed a similar note to a teller and fled with \$2,550;

- a rape of a 34-year-old woman on January 12, 2005 on Avon Street in Jamaica Estates during which the defendant attacked the woman in her automobile, sexually assaulted her, took her money and jewelry and fled in the vehicle;

- an assault on a 69-year-old Catholic nun on January 13, 2005 outside the Immaculate Conception convent on Midland Parkway in Jamaica Estates during which the defendant beat the victim with a pistol breaking her nose and inflicting other injuries before fleeing with her pocketbook and automobile, a 2002 Nissan Sentra; and

- a bank robbery on January 18, 2005 at the North Fork Savings Bank branch at 233-15 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica during which the defendant passed a note to a teller that claimed he was armed and would shoot her co-workers and fled with \$2,329.

Assistant District Attorney Frank P. DeGaetano, Supervisor of the District Attorney’s Special Victims Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, and Kenneth M. Appelbaum and Lucinda C. Suarez, 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 A. Saunders.

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