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D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN CHARGED IN 2002 CORONA MURDER

Victim Allegedly Kicked and Stomped To Death; Defendant Faces Up to 25 Years to Life In Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Queens man has been charged in the murder-robbery of a Corona woman who was allegedly brutally beaten to death and robbed of five dollars. DNA testing allegedly determined that the defendant's sneakers were stained with the victim's blood.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is accused of acting with wolf-pack mentality, surrounding his victim with the aid of three accomplices, throwing her to the sidewalk and savagely beating her before leaving her to die in a pool of her own blood barely half a block from the safety of her home. Fortunately, the defendant was apprehended and is being prosecuted based on old-fashioned detective work and modern science. NYPD detectives doggedly pursued the case until they received a crucial tip which eventually led to DNA belonging to the victim being positively compared to blood found on a pair of the defendant's sneakers recovered at his home. The case underscores yet again the crucial importance of DNA evidence which is irrefutable proof of guilt or innocence."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Warlin Ramirez, 25, whose last known address was 99-11 57th Avenue in Corona. He was arraigned today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert Hanophy on an indictment charging him with second-degree murder, first- and second-degree robbery and tampering with physical evidence. The defendant, who was ordered held without bail and to return to court on October 30, 2006, faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted.

The District Attorney said that, according to the criminal charges, the defendant, acting in concert with three other individuals, was walking the streets of Corona on the evening of December 12, 2002, when he and his accomplices decided to rob Say Mee Ngu, a 57-year-old immigrant from Malaysia who lived with her son and his family on 98th Street in Corona. Ms. Ngu, who spoke no English and worked at a hair salon in Flushing, had just stepped off the Q58 bus after doing grocery shopping near the hair salon, when the four individuals allegedly surrounded her on the corner of 98th Street and 55th Avenue. Ramirez and a male accomplice then allegedly knocked the victim to the ground and Ramirez began stomping on her face and chest while she screamed. The other two robbers, who fled on foot, met up with the defendant and the fourth accomplice a short while later at a local laundromat, where Ramirez allegedly stated that the victim only had five dollars on her. He then stood in a puddle of water and attempted to wash away the blood on his sneakers

Say Mee Ngu was found bleeding on the sidewalk, barely alive, with her groceries strewn about her. There were several bloody footprints leading away from the victim's body. The victim was pronounced dead at Elmhurst General Hospital a short while later. The cause of death was severe blunt trauma to the head.

District Attorney Brown noted that the investigation was continuing.

The investigation was conducted by NYPD Detectives Billy Milan and Stephen Aquaviva and Sergeants William Wanamker and James Haverline, all formerly assigned to the 110th Precinct.

Assistant District Attorney John Kosinski, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, Jack Warsawsky, Deputy 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 the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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