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**D.A. BROWN: TWO MOTORISTS CHARGED IN FATAL QUEENS HIGHWAY CRASH
THAT RESULTED IN ONE DEATH AND INJURY TO SEVEN OTHERS**

Excessive Speed and Alcohol Allegedly Played Role in Crash

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that two young motorists who were purportedly driving at a high rate of speed on a Queens highway just after midnight this morning have been charged with causing the death of a teenage passenger and injuring seven others in their vehicles – including themselves.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendants are accused of recklessly operating their vehicles in a manner that presented a danger to not only to themselves and their passengers but to others driving in the vicinity. As a result, the defendants now face multiple felony charges—including manslaughter and vehicular assault.”

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Milton G. Flores, 20, of 35-22 93rd Street in Jackson Heights, and Bolivar R. Camacho, 18, of 94-17 31st Street in East Elmhurst. The two defendants are being held pending arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on charges of second-degree manslaughter, first-degree vehicular assault and criminally negligent homicide. The defendant Flores, who is presently hospitalized, is also charged with second-degree vehicular manslaughter, second-degree vehicular assault and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If convicted, the defendants face up to fifteen years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, the defendants were operating their vehicles in excess of seventy miles per hours and appeared to be racing one another while weaving in and out of traffic and narrowly missing crashing into other vehicles at just after midnight today. At approximately 12:20 a.m., as the defendants were exiting the Cross Island Parkway and heading onto the Van Wyck Expressway, their vehicles made contact, resulting in a fatal motor vehicle accident that included several passengers being ejected from the Chevrolet Trailblazer that the defendant Flores was driving. At the scene, Flores was allegedly observed to have bloodshot, watery eyes and a strong odor of alcohol on his breath.

Of the five passengers in Flores’ vehicle, Jonathan Reyes, 19, of East Elmhurst, was pronounced dead an hour later at the hospital; Amy Koo, 16, of Jackson Heights, Elder Valencia, 23, of Elmhurst, and Marcus Akus, 19, (address unknown), were all ejected from the vehicle and suffered very serious injuries and are listed in critical condition; and Henry Hernandez, 19, of Jackson Heights, who was not ejected, is also listed in critical condition. Jonathan Garcia, 20, of Enterprise, Alabama, who was a passenger in Camacho’s two-door Honda and was not ejected, suffered non-threatening injuries.

The investigation was conducted by detectives assigned to the New York City Police Department’s Accident Investigations Squad, and by police officers assigned to the NYPD’s 109th Precinct Detective Squad.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Travis W. Hunter, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Investigations Bureau, which is under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, Peter J. McCormack III, Deputy Bureau Chief, and Richard B. Schaeffer, Senior Trial Attorney, 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 a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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