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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS VILLAGE TEENAGER ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES  
OF KIDNAPPING AND RAPING COLLEGE STUDENT AFTER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

*Faces Up to Life In Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Queens Village teenager has been arraigned on kidnapping, rape and other charges in connection with a weekend abduction and sexual assault of a female college student who had just left her own birthday party.

District Attorney Brown said, "It is alleged that a Saturday night birthday celebration at a friend's house turned into a nightmare early Sunday morning for the victim. Like predatory animals, the defendant and an unapprehended individual are alleged to have chased down their victim before brutally victimizing her at gunpoint. The consequences of such a sexual assault for a victim are profound and can result in emotional trauma from which she may never fully recover."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as James Moyer, 19, of 106-12 223<sup>rd</sup> Street in Queens Village. Moyer was arraigned this afternoon before Queens Criminal Court Judge William Harrington on charges of predatory sexual assault, first-degree rape, first-degree criminal sexual act and second-degree kidnapping. Moyer, who faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted, was ordered held without bail and to return to court on January 7, 2008.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the criminal charges, Moyer and an unapprehended accomplice chased the 19-year-old female college student into a yard in the vicinity of 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 220<sup>th</sup> Street in Queens Village during the early morning hours December 9, 2007 and that, after the unapprehended individual displayed a black handgun, both he and Moyer ordered the victim to get into Moyer's van. It is alleged that Moyer grabbed the victim's arm, forced her into the rear of the van, and then drove the van around for awhile, with the unapprehended other sitting in the front passenger seat, displaying the gun. Eventually, according to the complaint, Moyer stopped the van and he and the unapprehended other got into the back of the van with the victim where they raped and sexually assaulted her. Afterwards, it is alleged that the defendant and his accomplice drove to Jamaica Center where they ordered the victim to get out of the car and drove away. The victim then ran into the subway and summoned help.

The defendant was arrested yesterday morning after police found him hiding under attic insulation at his residence.

The investigation was conducted by Detectives Danielle McLaughlin and David Velez of the New York City Police Department's Queens Special Victims Squad (at the Queens Child Advocacy Center) under the command of Lieutenant Arthur Hall.

Assistant District Attorney Eric C. Rosenbaum, of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, and Assistant District Attorneys Kenneth M. Appelbaum and Lucinda C. Suarez, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under 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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