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News Advisory

Danny Fernandez, 21, of 78-18 162nd Street in Flushing, was charged yesterday, February 5, 2007, with attempted murder of an on-duty New York City police officer – who was on uniform foot patrol in Jackson Heights – by ambushing him and brutally beating him with a baseball bat before robbing him of his gun and handcuffs.

Fernandez was arraigned late last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Gene Lopez on charges of first-degree attempted murder, aggravated assault upon a police officer, first-degree assault, two counts of first-degree robbery, second and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon and fourth and fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

Judge Lopez ordered the defendant held without bail and the case was adjourned to February 20, 2007.

Fernandez was represented at arraignment by Joseph Ramirez. His telephone number is 718-779-6961.