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**D.A. BROWN: SUSPECTED GANG MEMBER ARRAIGNED ON MURDER CHARGES  
IN SHOOTING DEATH OF FAR ROCKAWAY MAN**

*Faces Up To Life in Prison*

\_\_\_\_\_ Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a St. Albans man has been arraigned on murder charges in the death of a 26-year-old Far Rockaway man who was shot and then struck by a car as he was leaving his brother's house last December. The defendant is one of four individuals charged in the murder.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is accused of acting with wolf pack mentality as he and three accomplices shot and then ran over their victim with their car. The defendant's alleged actions are another unfortunate example of the lethal consequences of senseless gun violence that all too often takes innocent lives and recklessly endangers public safety."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Justice Favor, 25, formerly of Far Rockaway and most recently of 191-47 114<sup>th</sup> Drive in St. Albans. Favor, a suspected member of the gang GIB (Get It in Bricks), was arraigned today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Cooperman on a 14-count indictment charging him with two counts of second-degree murder, seven counts of second-degree attempted murder, one count of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon and three counts of endangering the welfare of a child. Favor, who faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted, was ordered held without bail and to return to court on September 12, 2007.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the indictment, Favor is one of four individuals – including Andrew Smalls, Basil Davis and Supreme Favor – responsible for the death of Laton Spurgeon, 26, who was shot and then struck by a car after leaving his brother's home in Far Rockaway on the morning of December 19, 2006. Spurgeon, who was shot in the leg and back, was transported to a local Queens hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Favor was arrested last Friday, June 29, 2007, at his St. Albans residence. At the time, Favor was found to be in illegal possession of a loaded shotgun containing four live shells, as well as an additional thirteen shells and a quantity of heroin. He was arraigned the following day before Queens Criminal Court Judge Suzanne Melendez on charges of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and having no permit for possession and purchase of a rifles and shotguns. If convicted, he faces up to a year in jail.

Andrew Smalls, 20, of 76-00 Shore Front Parkway, and Basil Davis, 17, of 84-14 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, both of Far Rockaway, were both arraigned on the indictment in March 2007 and are scheduled to appear in court on July 31, 2007. Supreme Favor is still being sought.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Annette B. Almazan, of the District Attorney's Homicide Investigations Bureau, 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 by Assistant District Attorney Debra Pomodore, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, 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 a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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