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D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER OF TWO NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS; FACES UP TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Jamaica resident has been charged with the attempted murder of two NYPD officers who were on patrol when they heard shots and responded to the scene.

District Attorney Brown said, "Every day police officers put themselves at risk in order to protect and serve the public. As is often the case, they exhibit extraordinary restraint when confronted by life-threatening situations - - as in this instance, when a teenager allegedly made the choice to turn and fire rather than surrender peacefully. Fortunately, no one was injured."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Troy Smith, 17, of 109-39 167th Street, Jamaica, Queens. The defendant has been charged with two counts each of first and second degree attempted murder, two counts of attempted aggravated assault upon a police officer or a peace officer, two counts of second degree criminal possession of a weapon and two counts of first degree attempted assault. If convicted the defendant faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that it is alleged that on last Saturday evening at approximately 10:07 p.m., two uniformed police officers who were on patrol heard shots, responded to the scene and observed the defendant firing shots from a handgun into an apartment building located at 121-02 Sutphin Boulevard. When the officers confronted the defendant, he allegedly turned towards them and fired a single shot. The defendant was quickly subdued and the weapon, a .32 caliber revolver containing three live rounds of ammunition was recovered by the officers.

The defendant was arraigned last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Robert Raciti who set bail of \$500,000 and set a return date of August 13, 2007.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James W. Evangelou, Chief of the District Attorney's Career Criminal Major Crime Bureau under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn, and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trial John H. Larsen.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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