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**D.A. BROWN: TEENAGER SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS IN PRISON**  
**FOR 2005 DOUBLE SHOOTING AT QUEENS BLOCK PARTY**  
*Fatally Shot Queens Teenager and Seriously Wounded Another*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that an 18-year-old Queens teenager who pleaded guilty last month to manslaughter in the death of a 15-year-old boy and the serious wounding of a 14-year-old boy during a block party in South Ozone Park in August 2005 has been sentenced to 24 years in state prison.

District Attorney Brown said, "While today's sentencing closes the book on the criminal prosecution, it doesn't eradicate the harm and suffering that the defendant's senseless actions inflicted on the victims and their families. I hope that they can take solace in knowing that justice has been done and that society will be protected from the defendant for a very long time."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Vijai Dube, 18, of 116-10 Liberty Avenue in Richmond Hill, Queens. Dube, who was a tenth-grade high school student at the time of the incident, pleaded guilty on May 7, 2007, to first-degree manslaughter before Queens Supreme Court Justice Randall T. Eng who imposed today's determinate sentence of 24 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, in pleading guilty, the defendant admitted that on the evening of Saturday, August 6, 2005, he fatally shot Harrichad Singh, 15, with a semi-automatic handgun – striking him once in the head and once in the wrist – and seriously wounded Shastra Sagar, 14, with a bullet to the chest. The shootings took place during a summer block party on 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue in South Ozone Park.

District Attorney Brown said that Dube was apprehended two days after the shooting on August 8, 2005, by detectives assigned to the New York City Police Department's 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct Detective Squad.

The investigation was conducted by Detectives Jeffrey Gordon and Edward Balfe of the NYPD's 106th Precinct Detective Squad, and Detectives Matthew Bonner and PJ Curran of the NYPD's 105 Precinct Detective Squad, under the supervision of Lieutenant Edward Keogh.

Assistant District Attorney John W. Kosinski, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Brad Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and 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.

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