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D.A. BROWN: QUEENS RESIDENT ARRAIGNED ON MURDER CHARGES
IN SHOOTING DEATH OF GIRLFRIEND

Faces Up to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Queens man who has been sought by police since last Saturday, June 2, 2007 in the shooting death of his girlfriend inside their Middle Village apartment has now been apprehended and arraigned on intentional murder charges.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant was arrested yesterday in Brooklyn after having been sought since last week's shooting death of his 26-year-old girlfriend. The defendant's alleged violent and mindless conduct terminated the future of a young woman and demonstrates that he is a threat to society."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Edmond Huertas, 31, of 63-17 Eliot Avenue in Middle Village, Queens. The defendant, who is employed as an independent contractor, was arraigned last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Joseph A. Zayas on the charges of second-degree murder and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Judge Zayas ordered the defendant held without bail and set a return date of June 21, 2007. If convicted, the defendant faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to the criminal charges, the defendant and his girlfriend, Joanne Camacho, 26, were arguing inside their Middle Village home at 63-17 Eliot Avenue on June 2, 2007 at about 1:40 p.m. when the defendant shot her one time in the head, fatally wounding her and thereafter, fled the scene.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Robert Moscoso of the New York City Police Department's 104 Precinct Detective Squad under the supervision of Sergeant Richard Rudolph and the overall supervision of Deputy Inspector Scott A. Shanley, Commanding Officer, and Detective Edward Wilkowski of the NYPD's Queens Homicide Task Force under the supervision of Sergeant Oscar Ferrufino and under the overall supervision of Lieutenant John Perdoch.

Assistant District Attorney Travis W. Hunter, of the District Attorney's Homicide Investigations Bureau, is prosecuting the case 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 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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