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**D.A. BROWN: GRAND JURY INDICTS WHITESTONE RESIDENT  
IN ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF PBA PRESIDENT'S HOUSE**

*Faces Up To Seven Years In Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Whitestone man has been indicted on charges of attempting to burglarize the Bayside home of New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association President Patrick Lynch earlier this year.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant picked the wrong house to allegedly burglarize when he walked up to the front door of the head of the City's police union – PBA President Patrick Lynch. A veteran police officer, Mr. Lynch responded immediately when informed by his wife of a suspicious person lurking at their residence. Returning home, he confronted the defendant and held him until police responded to his radio call. I want to thank Mr Lynch for his quick response in removing the defendant from our streets."

The District Attorney said that a Queens grand jury has returned a five-count indictment charging Anthony Genovese, 40, of 7-15 154<sup>th</sup> Street in Whitestone, Queens, with second-degree attempted burglary, possession of burglar's tools, third-degree unauthorized use of a vehicle, third-degree aggravated unlicensed motor vehicle operation and unlawfully operating or driving a motor vehicle on a public highway. Genovese, who is unemployed, faces up to seven years in prison if convicted.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the indictment, at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, the defendant walked up to the front door of the Bayside home of Mr. Lynch and his wife, Kathleen, and attempted to forcibly enter their residence. The indictment further charges that the defendant, who does not have a valid driver's license, fled the location in an automobile that earlier had been reported stolen. When stopped at Francis Lewis Boulevard and 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Bayside, according to the indictment, the defendant was found to be in possession of burglar's tool – pliers, a hammer and screwdrivers.

District Attorney Brown said the defendant was arrested on January 16, 2007, by detectives of the New York City Police Department's 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct Detective Squad and has been in custody on \$20,000 bail since his Queens Criminal Court arraignment. The defendant was arraigned earlier today in front of Queens Supreme Court Justice James P. Griffin who continued the \$20,000 bail and set a return date of April 30, 2007.

The investigation was conducted by Police Officers Michelle Riservato and Kristen Loughran of the New York City Police Department's 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct Squad under the supervision of Deputy Inspector Scott Hanover, Commanding Officer.

Assistant District Attorney Rosemary Chao of the District Attorney's Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys James W. Evangelou, Bureau Chief, and Robert J. Hanophy, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorneys for Trials John H. Larsen and Robert J. Masters.

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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