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D.A. BROWN: JAMAICA MAN CONVICTED
IN FATAL SHOOTING OF CITY WORKER

Faces 25 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Jamaica, Queens, man has been convicted of the August 2002 shooting death of an on-duty New York City Department of Environmental Protection worker.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been convicted of the cold-blooded murder of a city employee who he was attempting to rob. His conduct warrants imposition of a maximum prison sentence to punish him and protect society."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Taiquan Williams, 25, of 115-31 158th Street in Jamaica. Following nearly three hours of deliberation, a jury of five men and seven women convicted the defendant of second-degree murder, first-degree attempted robbery, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon and tampering with physical evidence. Queens Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Cooperman, who presided at the two-week trial, set sentencing for April 10, 2007, at which time the defendant faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, on August 9, 2002, the defendant, armed with a 9mm handgun, approached the victim, Eugene McMahon, 46, a supervisor for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, as he sat in a department vehicle at 40th Road and Northern Boulevard and shot him once in the head, fatally wounding him.

District Attorney Brown said that the defendant, during questioning on an unrelated incident, indicated to police officers that he had knowledge of an unsolved murder. Following an investigation, the defendant admitted his involvement in the murder of the DEP worker. He was arrested and charged in March 2005.

Assistant District Attorney Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Brad Leventhal, 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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