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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS VILLAGE MAN CHARGED IN SAVAGE BEATING DEATH
OF UNCLE AND BASEBALL BAT ASSAULT ON GIRLFRIEND**

Apprehended Following "America's Most Wanted" Airing of Case

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a former Queens Village resident has been charged with the savage baseball bat beating death of his 71-year-old uncle and the assault on his son's mother in June 2006. The defendant, who has been sought by law enforcement officials for nearly a year, was captured after an account of his case was broadcast on the nationally televised program, "America's Most Wanted."

District Attorney Brown said, "Although the attack took place nearly a year ago, law enforcement officials never stopped looking for the defendant. Now, thanks to the help of the television show, 'America's Most Wanted,' their relentless search finally bore fruit. The defendant now faces prosecution for the vicious and senseless baseball bat beating death of an elderly man and the assault on a young woman."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Michael Alexander, a/k/a Dennis Anthony and Michael Mitchell, 54, formerly of 111-15 209th Place in Queens Village, Queens. The defendant, who was employed at a Brooklyn auto body shop at the time of his arrest, is being held pending arraignment later today in Queens Criminal Court in Kew Gardens on charges of second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter, second-degree assault and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the criminal charges, on the afternoon of June 26, 2006, the defendant was involved in a dispute with his 22-year-old girlfriend at his Queens Village residence when he hit her in the arm with a wooden baseball bat. Shortly thereafter, the defendant is alleged to have entered the bedroom of his uncle-in-law, Rudolph Campbell, and repeatedly struck him in the head with the baseball bat while he was sleeping. The 71-year-old Campbell lapsed into a coma and died the next day at Mary Immaculate Hospital as a result of the injuries he suffered in the attack.

District Attorney Brown said that Alexander was apprehended after an account of his case was broadcast last month on the Fox 5 program "America's Most Wanted." An anonymous caller informed the NYPD of Alexander's location and earlier this week police attempted to capture him but he narrowly escaped. Yesterday, police returned to the Brooklyn location and were informed that Alexander worked down the block at an auto body repair shop. At the time of his arrest at the repair shop, Alexander allegedly told detectives that he was tired of running.

The investigation was conducted by New York City Police Department Detectives of the 105th Precinct Detective Squad, specifically Detective Kimberly Andrews, under the supervision of Captain Steven Haynes, Commanding Officer, and assisted by the NYPD's Violent Felonies Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Michael D. Vozzo, 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 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 criminal charges are merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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