



RICHARD A. BROWN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY
QUEENS COUNTY**
125-01 QUEENS BOULEVARD
KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK 11415-1568
718-286-6000

Release # 92-2007
www.queensda.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007__

CONTACT: KEVIN RYAN
NICOLE NAVAS
MERIS CAMPBELL
(718) 286-6315

D.A. BROWN: FLUSHING MAN CHARGED WITH DWI

Allegedly Ran Red Light And Collided With MTA Bus

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 25-year-old Flushing man has been charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol after allegedly running a red light and colliding with a MTA bus with 15 passengers onboard.

District Attorney Brown said, "If the defendant had chosen to take mass transit instead of climbing behind the wheel of a car while allegedly impaired by alcohol, this collision could have been avoided. Instead, because of the defendant's alleged actions, more than a dozen individuals – including a bus driver – had to be taken to local Queens hospitals for treatment. Fortunately, none of their injuries appear to be life-threatening."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as David Cho, 25, of 149-09 Roosevelt Avenue in Flushing. The defendant was arraigned last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Suzanne Melendez on charges of Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol and Running a Red Traffic Signal. Cho, who faces up to one year in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine if convicted, was ordered held on \$5,000 bail and to return to court on May 9, 2007.

The District Attorney said that, according to the charges, the defendant was operating a Nissan Maxima at approximately 5:30 a.m. this past Saturday, April 28, 2007, when he drove through a red light at the intersection of 164th Street and Booth Memorial Avenue and collided with a MTA Transit Bus. The defendant, who refused to take an intoxilyzer test to determine his blood alcohol level, was allegedly observed to have a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and had been observed drinking alcoholic beverages shortly before operating the vehicle.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

#

Note to Editors: Press release e-version posted at www.queensda.org.