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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER
IN FATAL STABBING OF MAN DURING STREET FIGHT**

Faces Up to 25 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Jamaica, Queens, man has been convicted of fatally stabbing a neighborhood man twice in the chest during a July 2005 street fight behind a Briarwood public school.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been convicted of murdering an unarmed man with whom he was fighting by resorting to the use of a knife to fatally stab him through the heart. His actions will now result in his serving what will probably be the rest of his life behind bars."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Dwayne Morrison, 26, of 139-58 86th Road in Jamaica, Queens. A jury of six men and six women deliberated for approximately an hour today before finding the defendant guilty of second-degree murder and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Justice Randall T. Eng, who presided at trial, set a sentencing date of June 18, 2007, at which time the defendant faces up to 25 years to life.

The District Attorney said that Morrison was found guilty of fatally stabbed 23-year-old Miguel Restituyo twice in the chest with a knife in a park behind the Robert Van Wyck Middle School at 85-05 144th Street in Briarwood on the evening of July 30, 2005. The two men had reportedly been arguing minutes earlier and the victim had left the area. When he returned, the defendant engaged him in a fistfight. As the victim started to get the upper hand in the fight, an unknown individual tossed the defendant a knife. Although the victim held up his hands in surrender, the defendant stabbed him twice, including once fatally in the heart.

Assistant District Attorney Peter V. Lomp, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, 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.

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