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**D.A. BROWN: SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CHARGED
WITH PUBLIC LEWDNESS AT SHEA STADIUM**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that the 68-year-old yellow school bus driver taking a group of Bronx middle school children to a Mets game yesterday afternoon has been charged with public lewdness and endangering the welfare of children, among other crimes, after allegedly being discovered in the Shea Stadium parking lot sitting on the school bus with his pants down around his ankles and masturbating with the assistance of a mechanical device.

District Attorney Brown said, "A school field trip to Shea Stadium yesterday to watch the Mets play turned into a nightmare for a group of Bronx students and a busload of out-of-towners also visiting Shea. Engaging in a lewd act in a public place can have a profound effect on children and even adults who may inadvertently witness the act and result in emotion trauma from which they may never recover."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Jacob S. Nasser, 68, of 63 Garfield Street in Yonkers. Nasser, who has worked as a bus driver for Service Bus Company, Inc., of Yonkers, off and on since 1974, is presently awaiting arraignment in Queens Criminal Court in Kew Gardens on charges of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, endangering the welfare of a child and public lewdness. If convicted, he faces up to one year in jail.

The District Attorney said that officials at IS 125 (Henry Hudson Middle School) in the Bronx had chartered a bus from the defendant's company to transport more than 50 students for a field trip to Shea Stadium. According to the charges, at approximately 11:15 a.m. yesterday, May 2, 2007, the defendant parked in the stadium's bus parking lot and allowed the children to disembark for the stadium. Shortly thereafter, a Trailways bus carrying Albany residents, including a number of small children, parked directly adjacent to the defendant's bus. The Trailways bus occupants, looking over to the defendant's bus, allegedly observed him in the driver's seat with his pants around his ankles and masturbating with a device known as a penis enlarger pump in plain view of other children and families being let out of other nearby buses.

Eyewitnesses alerted police to the situation and the defendant was arrested by NYPD officers from Patrol Borough Queens North. The penis pump was allegedly recovered from the floor of the school bus near the driver's seat together with numerous pills, including Valium, which were recovered from an unmarked container that the defendant allegedly had on his person.

____ Assistant District Attorney Kristen A. Kane, of the District Attorney's Economic Crimes Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Gregory C. Pavlides, Bureau Chief, and Christina Hanophy, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney Linda M. Cantoni.

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

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