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**D.A. BROWN: CLUBGOER SENTENCED TO 75 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON
FOR MURDER OF OFF-DUTY COURT OFFICER
AND ATTEMPTED MURDER OF TWO OTHERS AT WOODSIDE NIGHTSPOT**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that an East New York man has been sentenced to 75 years to life in state prison for the May 2004 shooting death of an off-duty New York State court officer and the wounding of two others - - including a second off-duty court officer - - at the Club Phenomenon in Woodside. The three shooting victims had been working as security officers at the club.

District Attorney Brown said, "Feeling slighted at being expelled from the club, the defendant chose to avenge his eviction through gunfire and bloodshed, which resulted in the death of a hardworking father of three young children and the wounding of two other men. That senseless decision will now result in him serving what will probably be the rest of his life behind bars."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Moises Valerio, 32, of 182 Hull Street in Brooklyn. The defendant was convicted on May 4, 2007, following a three-week jury trial, of second-degree murder, second-degree attempted murder, first-degree assault and second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert C. McGann, who presided at trial, imposed today's indeterminate sentence of 75 years to life in prison..

The District Attorney said that, according to the trial testimony, in the early morning hours of May 22, 2004, the defendant, along with several of his friends, were evicted from the now-closed Club Phenomenon, which was located at 62-05 30th Avenue. The defendant, upset at what had occurred, went to his vehicle parked nearby and retrieved a gun. He returned to the Club and fired numerous shots at the three security officers who had just thrown him out - Francisco Rosa, 35, and Michael Serrano, 38, both New York State court officers, and Reginald Hayes, 39, a security officer at the Club. Mr. Rosa was fatally struck once in the abdomen. Mr. Serrano was shot in the arm, chest and back and Mr. Hayes was shot in the elbow, hip and buttocks.

Assistant District Attorney Michelle E. Goldstein, Deputy Chief of the District Attorney's Gang Violence and Hate Crime Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Mariela P. Herring, 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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