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**D.A. BROWN: HOLLIS MAN CONVICTED IN 2004 SHOOTING DEATH OF MAN
IN FRONT OF HIS SISTER AND NEPHEW**

Faces 25 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 22-year-old Hollis, Queens resident has been convicted in the 2004 shooting death of a man returning home from shopping with his sister and nephew.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been held accountable for the cold-blooded murder of a 19-year-old man who he shot on a residential block after following him home from a shopping expedition. Not only did this defendant chase this victim into his front yard while firing at him but he showed no concern for the fact that other people, including a child, could also have been harmed. The actions of the defendant warrant imposition of a lengthy prison sentence to both punish him for taking a life and to protect society."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Bradford Washington, 22, of 207-15 109th Avenue in Hollis, Queens. Washington was convicted yesterday of second-degree murder, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, first-degree reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of a child following a two-week trial.

A jury of nine women and three men deliberated over four hours before returning a verdict of guilty before Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard Buchter who set sentencing for November 27, 2007. The defendant, who is being held without bail, faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant, armed with an illegal gun, followed the victim, Karim Titus, and his family from the Green Acres Mall to his home. When Mr. Titus exited his vehicle, the defendant fired at him and then chased him into his front yard and continued to fire his weapon. Mr. Titus fell to the ground and was struck six times by the defendant who fled the scene.

Assistant District Attorney Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Chief of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Brad A. Leventhal, 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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