



RICHARD A. BROWN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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

Release #196-2007
www.queensda.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

CONTACT: PRESS OFFICE
(718)286-6315

**D.A. BROWN: JAMAICA MAN ARRAIGNED ON CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER
FOR SUBWAY PLATFORM STABBING OF 51-YEAR-OLD WOMAN**

Defendant Faces Up to 25 Years in Prison If Convicted

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 32-year-old Jamaica man was arraigned last night on attempted murder and other charges in connection with the stabbing of a Long Island woman on the F train station platform at 169th Street and Hillside Avenue in Jamaica on Tuesday afternoon.

District Attorney Brown said, "According to the charges, the defendant attacked the victim after trying to grab her purse while she stood on the platform. He is accused of stabbing her in the head with a kitchen knife after she resisted the alleged robbery attempt. The charges involve a violent assault with a dangerous weapon and will be vigorously prosecuted."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Matthew Corchado, of 204-12 100th Avenue in Jamaica, Queens. Corchado is charged with Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Robbery in the First Degree, Assault in the First Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree. Corchado faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the complaint, on Tuesday, October 22, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., on the F train platform in Jamaica, defendant Matthew Corchado approached the victim, Paula Jean-Baptiste, 51, of Long Island, from behind and tried to grab her handbag. When she struggled with him, Corchado allegedly pulled out a kitchen knife and stabbed her twice. Jean-Baptiste was stabbed in the right temple and in the right clavicle. She was treated at a local hospital and released.

The District Attorney said an eyewitness to the attack followed Corchado out of the subway station and tailed him until he was apprehended by Detective Thomas Castle of the Queens Robbery Squad soon after the attack.

The defendant was arraigned last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Fernando Camacho and ordered to undergo a psychiatric examination to determine if he is competent to stand trial.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Raymond E. Scheer, Deputy Chief of the District Attorney's Kew Gardens I Bureau, under the direct supervision of Bureau Chief Francesco Catarisano, and under the overall supervision Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorneys for Trials John H. Larsen and Robert J. Masters.

It should be noted that criminal charges are merely accusations and that defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

#

Note to Editors: E-version of this press release posted at www.queensda.org