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**D.A. BROWN: FOREST HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL AIDE
SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR STATUTORY RAPE OF 11-YEAR-OLD STUDENT**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a former longtime aide at P.S. 196 in Forest Hills has been sentenced to six months in jail for the statutory rape of an 11-year-old boy more than seven years ago. The defendant was also ordered to register as a sex offender.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant, by her own admission, took advantage of her position of trust at a Forest Hills middle school. When a parent sends a child to school, it should be with the confidence that the child is in a safe haven. The defendant violated that trust as well as committed a crime. She has now been held accountable for her actions."

The District Attorney added, "Despite the passage of time, the defendant was able to be brought to justice because the law recognizes that children who are victimized do not always report the abuse immediately. Children may hesitate to report abuse for various reasons, including being too young to recognize that a crime has been committed or too frightened to disclose the abuse. In addition, the abuser may be in a position of authority over the child or the child may be under the financial or physical control of his abuser. As a result, the law stops the clock for children and tolls the statute of limitations so that the usual five-year period does not begin to run until the time the child actually reports the crime to law enforcement or social services or the child reaches the age of eighteen. So although the crimes here took place more than seven years ago, the abuser was still able to be brought to justice."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Lois Enden, 56, of 99-21 67th Road in Forest Hills, who had been employed as a school aide at P.S. 196 since 1990. Enden pleaded guilty to second-degree rape on July 23, 2007, before Queens Criminal Court Judge Pauline A. Mullings, who sentenced the defendant today to six months in jail, ten years' probation and ordered her to register as a sex offender.

The District Attorney said that an investigation began earlier this year when the victim, now 19, met the defendant by chance and told a friend what had occurred while he was a student at P.S. 196, located at 71-25 113 Street in Forest Hills. The friend, in turn, convinced the victim to report the incident to police.

The investigation was conducted by Detective George Negron of the New York City Police Department's Queens Special Victims Squad under the command of Lieutenant Arthur Hall.

Assistant District Attorney Kenneth M. Appelbaum, Deputy Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, and under 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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