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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS VILLAGE RESIDENT CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL  
IMPRISONMENT AND RAPE OF INDIANA WOMAN**

*Allegedly Met Victim on Internet; Faces Up To 25 Years In Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Queens Village resident has been charged with raping and unlawfully imprisoning a 21-year-old woman who had arrived in New York earlier this week from Indiana. The defendant had allegedly met the woman through the Internet and had invited her to New York.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is accused of the brutal physical and sexual assault of a young woman whom he unlawfully held prisoner through physical threats and intimidation. The offenses that he is accused of committing are crimes of violence that pose a serious threat to public safety and which warrant vigorous prosecution and maximum punishment."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as David Graham, 32, of 86-76 208<sup>th</sup> Street in Queens Village, Queens. The defendant was arraigned last night in Queens Criminal Court on charges of first-degree rape, first-degree criminal sexual act and second-degree unlawful imprisonment. The defendant, who faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted, was ordered held without bail and to return to court on October 22, 2007.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, Graham picked up the 21-year-old woman at the Port Authority bus station in Manhattan following her arrival from Indiana on October 2, 2007. The defendant is then alleged to have taken the woman to his Queens Village apartment where he told her that she was not allowed to go anywhere and that she would not be allowed to see her family. The defendant allegedly verbally threatened her by telling her that if she did not listen to him he would shoot her in the head and that, "You better not be a problem to me or else I will kill you and cremate you." It is further alleged that the defendant forcibly raped her twice and sexually abused her on three separate occasions and, at one point, hit her across the face and placed his hands around her neck, squeezing them. The following morning, it is alleged that the woman managed to escape her captor, leaving behind all of her personal belongings.

According to District Attorney Brown, the defendant was arrested on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, by detectives assigned to the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct Detective Squad.

Assistant District Attorneys Kenneth M. Appelbaum, Deputy Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, is prosecuting 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.

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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