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**STATEMENT BY  
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St. John's University freshman Omesh Hiranman, 22, was arraigned today on charges of bringing an unlicensed loaded .50-caliber rifle onto the Jamaica Estates campus Wednesday. Judge Deborah Stevens Modica, Supervising Judge of the Queens Criminal Court, presided at the arraignment which was conducted via a two-way video hook-up between the defendant's bedside at Bellevue Hospital Center in Manhattan and the Queens Criminal Courthouse in Kew Gardens.

Hiranman has been charged with two counts of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon (with intent to use said weapon unlawfully against another and possession of a rifle in a building or grounds used for educational purposes) and several violations of the New York City Administrative Code (possession of a rifle without a permit or a certificate of registration). If convicted, he faces up to one year in jail.

The defendant is clearly a very troubled young man. Accordingly, the Court has directed that he be examined to determine whether he has the capacity to understand the proceedings against him and assist in his defense. Pending the results of said examination, the defendant is being held without bail. His next court date is October 9, 2007.

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