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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN CHARGED IN STABBING DEATH  
OF WIFE; ALLEGEDLY ALSO STABBED DAUGHTER ON FOREARM**

*Defendant Faces 25 Years to Life in Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 34-year-old Woodside man is awaiting arraignment on murder and other charges stemming from the stabbing death of his 29-year-old wife and for allegedly cutting his 7-year-old daughter on the forearm when she came to her mother's aid.

District Attorney Brown said, "It is difficult to imagine a crime more heinous than that of a man violently attacking his wife and, in the process, seriously injuring his helpless, 7-year-old daughter. The charges against the defendant will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Balbir Singh, 34, of 34-54 64<sup>th</sup> Street in Woodside. The defendant is awaiting arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on a complaint charging him with second-degree murder, two counts of second-degree assault, endangering the welfare of a child, and two counts of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Singh faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted.

The District Attorney said that it is alleged that the defendant and his wife had been arguing in their home on Sunday night at about 9 p.m., when Singh allegedly stabbed his wife, Kulwinder Kaur, three times in the torso and once in the neck. When the couple's seven-year-old daughter, Bubita Rani, tried to come to her mother's aid she was stabbed on the forearm by her father, according to the complaint, and required 11 stitches.

District Attorney Brown said that the defendant was arrested at the scene by police officers assigned to the New York City Police Department's 108<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Detective Carmine Caruso, of the 108<sup>th</sup> Precinct Detective Squad, conducted the investigation under the supervision of Detective Sergeant Robert Knights.

Assistant District Attorney Dietrich Epperson, of the District Attorney's Homicide Investigations Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, and Peter J. McCormack III, Deputy 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.

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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