



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

RICHARD A. BROWN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009**

**CONTACT: QDA PRESS OFFICE
(718) 286-6315**

**STATEMENT BY
QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY RICHARD A. BROWN**

Scott McGann, 32, charged with causing a bomb scare at LaGuardia Airport earlier this month by attempting to detonate what turned out to be a fake bomb, was ordered today to be remanded to a New York state psychiatric facility.

In a proceeding presided over by Queens Supreme Court Justice James P. Griffin, Mr. McGann was found incompetent to stand trial following a report by two court-appointed psychologists from Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn who determined that he lacked the capacity to understand the proceedings against him or assist in his own defense. The attorney for the defendant concurred with the report's findings.

Mr. McGann was ordered to be turned over to the New York State Commissioner of Mental Health for a period of one year or until he regains competency. At the end of one year, the State can seek additional retention if deemed necessary.

The defendant is clearly a very troubled young man. Under the circumstances, the Court's decision is the right one for all concerned.

#

Note to Editors: Press release e-version posted at www.queensda.org.