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**QUEENS MAN CONVICTED OF AMBUSH SHOOTING DEATH**  
**OF MOTHER OF HIS TWO CHILDREN**

*Faces Up to Life in Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 46-year-old Jamaica man has been convicted of second-degree murder and other charges for shooting the mother of his two children in the back of the neck when she arrived to pick up one of their children from a babysitter.

District Attorney Brown said, “This brutal and senseless shooting leaves two young boys – who are now ages five and ten years old – not only without their mother but also without their father, who now faces life behind bars. The jury verdict in this case is a measure of justice for the victim and her family. ”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Christopher Cephas, 46, of 110-10 179<sup>th</sup> Place, in Jamaica, Queens. Cephas was convicted late yesterday of second-degree murder, aggravated criminal contempt, and second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon following a week-long jury trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak. The defendant faces 27 ½ years to life when he is sentenced on January 13, 2010.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, on February 9, 2006, at approximately 3 p.m., the victim, identified as Sasha Bullins, 29, stopped at 110-10 179<sup>th</sup> Place in Jamaica, to pick up one of her sons from a babysitter. The sitter lived at the same address, but in a different apartment, as the defendant. The defendant knew the victim would be picking up the child and ambushed her outside of the house, shooting her once in the back of the neck. The victim, who lived with her mother in White Plains, was the director of the Love, Peace & Joy preschool on Farmers Boulevard in Jamaica. She had moved out of the defendant’s apartment, along with her children, two months before the shooting.

The investigation was conducted by detectives assigned to the NYPD’s 113<sup>th</sup> Precinct Detective Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Denise Tirino, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, 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.

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