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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN SENTENCED TO 21 YEARS IN PRISON
IN 2005 STABBING DEATH OF 40 YEAR-OLD WOMAN**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Jamaica, Queens, man has been sentenced to 21 years in prison for the stabbing death of a 40 year-old woman who he had just met and brought home to smoke crack in August of 2005.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been held accountable for his actions and will now spend a good portion of his life behind bars for senselessly killing a woman while abusing drugs. Hopefully, the victim's family can find some degree of solace in this sentence."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Evon Robinson, 40, of 161-01 118th Road in Jamaica, Queens. He was convicted by a jury last month of first-degree manslaughter, fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon and tampering with physical evidence before Queens Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak who imposed today's determinate sentence of 21 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, Robinson met the victim, Mary Roberts, 40, of Queens, on August 2, 2005, and took her to his home to smoke crack cocaine. During a drug-fueled dispute, Robinson stabbed Ms. Roberts multiple times, causing her death. Robinson then placed her body in plastic bags and wrapped it with cords before hiding it in his bathtub for two days. The killing came to light when Robinson tried to enlist the help of a friend to assist him in disposing of Ms. Roberts' body. The friend refused and alerted police.

Assistant District Attorney Peter Lomp of the District Attorney's Homicide Trial Bureau prosecuted the case under the supervision of 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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