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**D.A. BROWN: MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON**  
**FOR FATAL STABBING OF NEIGHBOR**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 49-year-old Jamaica, Queens, resident has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for the second-degree murder of his neighbor who was stabbed forty times and found dead in her room at a Single Room Occupancy residence in April 2005.

District Attorney Brown said, “The victim was stabbed over and over again by the defendant – who then bragged that he had gotten away with murdering her. Dogged work by police and prosecutors proved him wrong. The sentence imposed reflects the seriousness of the crime and is a measure of justice for the victim and her family.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Armondo Lebron, 49, of 87-72 148<sup>th</sup> Street in Jamaica. The defendant was sentenced after being convicted last month of second-degree murder and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Buchter, who presided at the jury trial, sentenced the defendant to 25 years to life.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, the victim, Stacey Sapir, 48, lived in a room at an SRO residence located at 87-70 148<sup>th</sup> Street in Jamaica and was an acquaintance of the defendant. The victim’s body was found on April 7, 2005, by her boyfriend, who was initially considered a suspect because of the allegedly sometimes volatile nature of their relationship.

Police ruled out the boyfriend, however, and focused on the defendant after six phone calls were made from the dead woman’s cell phone. The calls were traced to a man who said the defendant offered to sell him the phone and bragged about killing the victim. A partial DNA match to the defendant was found on the victim’s fingernail. Finally, another resident of the neighborhood testified that the defendant bragged to her about killing the victim and getting away with it.

Detective Kevin P. Stoecker of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Detective Squad investigated the case.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Patrick L. O’Connor, of the Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the direct supervision of Brad Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Charles Testagrossa, Executive Assistant District Attorney, Major Crimes Division, and Daniel Saunders, Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney.

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