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**MANHATTAN BAR BOUNCER SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON
IN KIDNAPPING OF YORK COLLEGE STUDENT**

District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that former Manhattan bar bouncer Darryl Littlejohn has been sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison for the October 2005 kidnapping of a then-19-year old York College in South Jamaica, Queens.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has now been severely punished for his actions - posing as a law enforcement officer and forcibly abducting a young college student from the streets of Queens County on a late autumn afternoon. Fortunately, the victim – who displayed tremendous courage under pressure – managed to escape from her captor, although in the process she suffered physical injuries and has been deeply traumatized."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Darryl Littlejohn, 44, of 153-26 121st Avenue in Jamaica. Littlejohn was convicted in October 2008 of second-degree kidnapping, second-degree robbery, second-degree assault and first-degree criminal impersonation after trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak who imposed today's indeterminate sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

According to trial testimony, the victim was returning home from classes at York College at about 4:00 p.m. on October 19, 2005, when, as she reached the vicinity of 107th Avenue and the Van Wyck Expressway in Jamaica, she was accosted by Littlejohn. The defendant, who was wearing clothing purporting to identify him as a law enforcement officer, demanded her identification, which she provided to him. Littlejohn then turned her around, rear cuffed her and threw her into the back seat of his van.

Littlejohn then got into the van and attempted to drive away. However, the victim got up and tried to open the rear passenger side door. Littlejohn struck her twice, told her not to move and threw a jacket over her head. The victim, still handcuffed, then pushed herself against the door, opening it, and jumped out of the moving van.

She was assisted by some neighborhood children and a couple of good Samaritans – who immediately called the police. She was taken to Mary Immaculate Hospital where she was treated for injuries suffered during the incident. During the course of the abduction, the defendant stole the victim's cell phone.

District Attorney Brown said that DNA recovered from the handcuffs which were used to restrain the complainant during the crime was consistent with the defendant's DNA and that DNA found inside of the van matched that of the victim.

Assistant District Attorney Frank P. DeGaetano, a supervisor in the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, and Kenneth M. Appelbaum and Lucinda C. Suarez, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under 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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