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OWNER OF KEW GARDENS HILLS BAKERY PLEADS GUILTY
IN SEX ABUSE CASE INVOLVING 10-YEAR-OLD BOY

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that the owner of Queens Kosher Pita in Kew Gardens Hills has pleaded guilty to sex abuse charges involving a 10-year-old boy who used to go to the bakery for cookies and whom he had befriended.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has pleaded guilty to having taken advantage of the innocence of his young victim. As a result, the child has been severely traumatized and emotionally scarred for life. Fortunately, the defendant's guilty plea will save the youngster from having to testify and recount the situation that he endured."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Issac Ebstein, 50, of 415 Bedford Avenue in Brooklyn. Ebstein, the owner and baker of Queens Kosher Pita, located at 68-36 Main Street in Kew Gardens Hills, appeared before Queens Supreme Court Justice Sheri S. Roman on June 8, 2009, and pleaded guilty to first-degree attempted sexual abuse and attempted endangering the welfare of a child. Sentencing is scheduled for June 16, 2009, at which time Justice Roman indicated that she would sentence the defendant to one year' probation and weekly sex offender counseling for a year.

District Attorney Brown said that, in pleading guilty, the defendant acknowledged that he took advantage of the young boy, during which he drove around Queens with the boy and touched the boy's penis and had the boy touch his. The abuse took place on three occasions over a two-month period between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2002.

The investigation was conducted by the New York City Police Department's Queens Special Victims Squad located at the Queens Child Advocacy Center.

Assistant District Attorney Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, prosecuted the case 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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