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**D.A. BROWN: BROOKLYN RESIDENT CONVICTED
OF KILLING QUEENS PAWNSHOP OWNER DURING AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY**

Faces 25 Years To Life In Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Brooklyn man has been convicted of shooting a Richmond Hill pawn shop owner to death during an attempted robbery at the store in January 2006.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been convicted of entering the victim's pawnshop and fatally shooting him during the course of committing an attempted armed robbery. This case is another clear example of the lethal consequences of senseless gun violence."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Demetrious Greene, 32, of 647 Watkins Street in Brooklyn. The defendant was convicted today of second-degree murder, first-degree attempted robbery and second and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon following a jury trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak. The defendant faces 25 years to life when he is sentenced on July 29, 2009.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, on the evening of January 19, 2006, the defendant entered Rich-Atlantic Gold and Silver Exchange located at 118-20 Atlantic Avenue, and attempted to rob the store's owner, Richard Schoenfeld, 40, of Merrick, Long Island. During the course of the robbery the defendant shot Mr. Schoenfeld twice, fatally wounding him, before fleeing.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Jose H. Morel of the New York City Police Department's 102nd Precinct Detective Squad under the supervision of Lieutenant Peter Clark, as well as Detective Billy Milan and Sergeant Brian Conlon of the Queens Homicide Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Shawn Clark 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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