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TWO MEN CONVICTED IN 2005 FAR ROCKAWAY SHOOTING SPREE
THAT LEFT A YOUNG MAN AND A YOUNG WOMAN DEAD

Defendants Face Up To 50 Years To Life In Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that two men have been convicted of murder for the shooting deaths of a young man and woman and the attempted murder of two other men on December 11, 2005. The shootings occurred at approximately 3:00 a.m. at 438 Beach 40th Street in Far Rockaway, Queens, following a party.

District Attorney Brown said, "This case is another example of the senseless decision by two men to carry and repeatedly fire illegal handguns inside a Far Rockaway public housing development. In the end, a young man and woman saw their lives cut short too soon and the defendants face the prospect of life in prison. The crime is a shocking example of mindless gun-related violence that takes innocent lives and recklessly endangers public safety."

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Naim Muhammad, 25, of 22-29 Dix Avenue in Far Rockaway, Queens and Antoine Singleton, 27, of 724 East 103rd Street, in Canarsie, Brooklyn. They were each convicted today of two counts of Murder in the Second Degree, two counts of Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree. The defendants were convicted following a jury trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak, who set sentencing for December 15, 2009. The defendants each face up to 50 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, on December 11, 2005, at 3:00 a.m., inside the Beach Houses, a public housing development at 438 Beach 40th Street in Far Rockaway, the defendants Muhammad and Singleton fired two semi-automatic pistols, striking Derrick Samuel, 23, five times throughout his body and Jeanette "Nikki" Bostick, 23, one time in the chest, fatally wounding them. The District Attorney said that Muhammad and Singleton also shot at two other men, Jeffrey Roddy and Terrell Johnson, but did not strike them.

The investigation was conducted by Detectives Gary Mazzei and Kevin Cashen of the NYPD's 101st Precinct Detective Squad under the supervision of Sergeant Raymond Johnson, Commanding Officer.

Assistant District Attorney Patrick L. O'Connor, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney 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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