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**BROOKLYN RESIDENT CONVICTED**  
**OF SUBWAY PLATFORM ROBBERY OF JEWELER**

*Faces Up to 15 Years in Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Brooklyn resident has been convicted after a jury trial of robbing a Queens jeweler of his son's wedding deposit – \$5,900 – as he exited a Forest Hills subway stop in June 2005.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been found guilty of violently attacking the victim with his bare hands and then robbing him as he lay helplessly on the ground. Justice has been done and the defendant will now be held accountable for his actions."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Murphy Boney, 39, of 396 Franklin Avenue in Brooklyn. Boney was found guilty late yesterday of second-degree robbery by a jury of seven women and five men who deliberated for three and one-half hours following a one-week trial before Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak. Sentencing was set for November 18, 2009, at which time the defendant faces up to 15 years in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, Moishe Batash, then 56, was exiting the 63<sup>rd</sup> Drive subway station on June 28, 2005, when Boney attacked him from behind and slammed his head against the wall. Boney then held Mr. Batash down on the ground and went through his pants pockets, stealing the \$5,900 that he was carrying as a deposit for his son's wedding. As Boney fled, he was chased by Mr. Batash and police officers who were nearby on an unrelated matter. Boney was apprehended by police following a lengthy pursuit along 65<sup>th</sup> Road. He still had the \$5,900 in his possession.

Assistant District Attorney Rosemary Chao, of the District Attorney's Career Criminals Major Crimes Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys James W. Evangelou, Bureau Chief, Robert J. Hanophy, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials John H. Larsen.

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