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BLOODS GANG MEMBER CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED MURDER OF POLICE OFFICER

Faces up to 25 Years in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Georgia man who is a member of the Bloods street gang has been convicted after trial of attempting to murder a New York City police officer in the Jamaica section of Queens.

“This case is another example of the dangers that our police officers routinely face in their continuing efforts to fight crime,” said District Attorney Brown. “I commend the officers involved in the shooting for their courage, bravery and professionalism. Despite being fired upon, they were able to arrest the defendant without incident and without firing a single shot. We will urge that the defendant be sentenced to the maximum term of 25 years in prison when he is sentenced next month.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Malcolm Arnold, 20, of 1695 Zebulon Court in Clinton, Georgia. The defendant, who has been held on \$250,000 bail since his arrest, was convicted yesterday of second-degree attempted murder, two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon and first-degree attempted assault following a four-day bench trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert C. McGann. The defendant faces up to 25 years in prison when sentenced on April 8, 2010.

District Attorney Brown said that according to trial testimony, on the night of January 13, 2009, Arnold was observed by three members of the NYPD’s Gang Unit on 157th Street and 109th Avenue adjusting his waistband and holding something under his jacket. As the police exited their unmarked car to investigate, stating “police, freeze” and displaying their shields, Arnold turned and pulled out a loaded semi-automatic pistol before fleeing on foot down a driveway. One of the officer ran down 157th Street to cut him off while the other two officers pursued him down the driveway, stating “police, stop.” As Arnold reached the end of the driveway and a fence stopped his flight, he jumped on a parked car and turned and fired a shot at the two officers chasing him. Arnold then jumped over the fence, dropped his weapon and hid under a handicap ramp, where he was found huddling and apprehended.

Supervising Assistant District Attorney Michael Brovner, of the District Attorney’s Gang Violence and Hate Crimes Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Mariela P. Herring, Bureau Chief, Michelle E. Goldstein, Deputy Bureau Chief, and Elizabeth D. Parke, Director of Juvenile Prosecutions, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trial Robert J. Masters.

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