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QUEENS MOTORIST CONVICTED OF MURDER AND ASSAULT
FOR DRIVING INTO CROWD, KILLING MAN AND INJURING ANOTHER

Deceased Pinned Under Vehicle And Dragged; Defendant Faces Up To 50 Years To Life In Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Laurelton, Queens, man has been convicted of murder, assault and other charges for ramming his car into a crowd of people on a sidewalk following a fight at a baby shower he crashed in November 2014.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendant has been convicted of using his vehicle as a weapon – which proved to be just as deadly as a gun. Following a dispute with partygoers, the defendant got behind the wheel and drove into a crowd of people, resulting in the death of one man and injury to a woman. The defendant now faces a lengthy prison sentence.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Kevin Weekes, 22, of Laurelton, Queens. Following a three-week bench trial presided over by Queens Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak, Weekes was convicted of second-degree murder, first-degree assault and first-degree reckless endangerment. Weekes, who has been held without bail since his arrest in November 2014, faces up to 50 years to life in prison when he is sentenced on April 27, 2016.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, Weekes crashed a baby shower being held at Vision’s Banquet Hall located at 224-22 Merrick Boulevard just after 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2014, and became involved in a fistfight on the sidewalk in front of the location. At some point, Weekes returned to his vehicle and drove away from the location before making a U-turn and heading back to where the fistfight transpired and a crowd of people were still gathered. Accelerating his vehicle, Weekes jumped the curb and plowed into the people on the sidewalk, striking and injuring Antoinette Green, 21, of Brooklyn. Kevin Lewis, 20, of Laurelton, Queens, was pinned underneath the vehicle and dragged by the vehicle until it came to a stop at the intersection of Merrick Boulevard and 225th Street, at which point Weekes exited his vehicle and fled. Lewis was pronounced dead at the scene.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Peter V. Lomp, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Trials Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Michelle L. Kaszuba, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Investigations Bureau, prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Homicide Trials 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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