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**DA BROWN: FLUSHING MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER
IN THE FATAL STABBING OF EXOTIC DANCER AND SLASHING OF HER ROOMMATE**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Flushing man has been convicted in the fatal stabbing of an exotic dancer and the slashing of her roommate in their Woodside, Queens, apartment in March 2003.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been convicted of intentionally attacking two women inside their apartment and to have caused the death of one woman and to have inflicted serious physical injuries including permanent scarring and emotional torment on her roommate. The attack was violent and vicious and justifies a lengthy state prison sentence."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Aaron Gutierrez, 27, of 65-70 162nd Street, Flushing, Queens. He was convicted following a two and one-half week jury trial of Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree.

A jury of six women and six men deliberated six hours over two days before returning a verdict of guilty today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Sheridan S. Roman who set sentencing for July 26, 2006. The defendant faces up to 50 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, on March 13, 2003, in the victims' basement apartment located at 41-31 60th Street in Woodside, Queens, the defendant intentionally caused the death of Marly Ambrosini, 29, a construction worker who also worked as a dancer, by intentionally stabbing her multiple times with a knife in her chest, back and neck and mortally wounding her and also attempted to intentionally cause the death of Hilauricea Valoto Biz, 35, a dancer, by slashing her several times with a knife across her throat, left wrist and left shoulder, causing her serious injuries and permanent scarring.

District Attorney Brown said that the defendant was apprehended on the day of the crime when the surviving victim ran screaming in fear out of the apartment to neighbors who immediately phoned 911 to report the incident. A bent and bloody six-inch steak knife with a serrated edge was recovered from the apartment.

Assistant District Attorney Denise Tirino 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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