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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS WOMAN CHARGED WITH FATAL STABBING OF HUSBAND**  
*Long History of Domestic Violence Allegedly Results In Tragedy*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Queens woman has been charged in Sunday's fatal stabbing of her husband in the couple's South Ozone Park residence.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is alleged to have viciously attacked her husband with a knife and fatally stabbed him in the neck. The couple had a long history of domestic violence and each had orders of protection outstanding against the other. They were, according to neighbors, always fighting and should never have been residing together. During their allegedly stormy relationship the police were called to their home more than two dozen times. It appears that the parties could neither live with nor live without each other -- with tragic results."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Sharon Shivilall, 38, of 124-08 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue in South Ozone Park, Queens. The defendant has been charged with Murder in the Second Degree, Manslaughter in the First Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree. If convicted, she faces 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to a criminal complaint, between 7:00 p.m. and 8:14 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 2006, the defendant attacked her husband, John Shivilall, 43, inside their basement apartment at 124-08 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue in South Ozone Park, striking him once in the left side of his neck with a kitchen knife, causing his death.

The District Attorney said that the defendant was arrested last night at the New York City Police Department's 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct and is being held pending arraignment later today in Criminal Court in Kew Gardens.

The investigation was conducted by Detective John Martin of the NYPD's 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct Detective Squad under the supervision of Lieutenant Edward Keough, Commanding Officer.

Assistant District Attorney Jasmine Chang of the District Attorney's Homicide Investigations Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, Peter J. McCormack III, Deputy Bureau Chief, and Richard B. Schaeffer, Senior Trial Attorney, 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.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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