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D.A. BROWN: KNIFE-WIELDING ROBBER CONVICTED
OF SEXUALLY ABUSING SUNNYSIDE STORE EMPLOYEE

Faces Up To 50 Years In Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Brooklyn man has been convicted of robbing and sodomizing a female employee of a Sunnyside real estate office in March 2001.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant stands convicted of brazenly executing an armed robbery in broad daylight and then viciously sexually assaulting a young female employee at knife point. The conviction ensures that justice has been done and that the defendant has been held accountable for a violent crime."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Terrance Litt, 63, of 14-93 Shore Parkway in Brooklyn. The defendant was found guilty of Sodomy in the First Degree, Robbery in the First Degree, Burglary in the Second Degree, Aggravated Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree

District Attorney Brown said that a jury of eight men and four women deliberated for two hours after a four-day trial and returned a verdict of guilty before Queens Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Cooperman, who set a sentencing date of April 28, 2006. The defendant, who has been held without bail since his arrest on March 3, 2001, faces up to 50 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that according to the trial testimony, at about 3:00 p.m. on March 3, 2001, the defendant entered the 22-year-old woman's place of business on 41st Street in Sunnyside armed with a knife and forcibly sodomized the victim and robbed her of a watch before fleeing. He was apprehended a short while later in the bathroom of a nearby fast food restaurant, where a knife was recovered. The victim suffered a fractured nose and contusions to the back of the head, as well as bruises and scrapes to her face and body.

District Attorney Brown expressed his appreciation to the two Good Samaritans who assisted the victim and also led police to where the defendant was hiding, and to New York City Police Officer Terrence P. McKee, of the 108th Precinct, who made the arrest.

Special Assistant District Attorney John Carroll, of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, prosecuted the case, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Marjory Fisher, Bureau Chief, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Eric Rosenbaum, 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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