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**D.A. BROWN: FAR ROCKAWAY MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR THE ROBBERY AND SHOOTING DEATH OF TEENAGER ON "A" TRAIN**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Far Rockaway man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for the robbery and shooting death of a 21-year-old subway rider on the "A" train at the Beach 36th Street subway station in Edgemere, Queens, in November 2003.

District Attorney Brown said, "The lengthy prison sentence imposed by the court today is just punishment for a terrible and senseless crime in which the defendant showed no respect for human life. He has now been held responsible for his actions."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Mark Ebanks, 21, of 26-46 Far Rockaway Boulevard in Far Rockaway, Queens, who pled guilty on July 6, 2005 to first-degree robbery before Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert C. Hanophy who imposed today's determinate sentence of 20 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, in pleading guilty, the defendant admitted that, on the afternoon of November 28, 2003, he and Robert Burney caused the death of Shamel Garrett, 21, during a robbery at the Beach 36th Street "A" train station. He further admitted that he and Burney had planned to rob the victim and that he stole property belonging to the victim. Ebanks also admitted that Burney shot the victim and that they both fled the subway platform.

Burney, 22, of 394 Beach 25th Street, Far Rockaway, Queens, pled guilty on January 3, 2006 to first-degree manslaughter and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown commended the two police officers who confronted the suspects as they fled and sustained physical injuries while subduing and apprehending Ebanks. The District Attorney, who was at the crime scene and who, together with Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, visited the two officers at Peninsula General Hospital said, "The police officers who were on patrol in plainclothes acted with bravery and professionalism and their outstanding performance upholds the proud tradition of New York's Finest."

Assistant District Attorney Andrea Eckhardt 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 Daniel A. Saunders.

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