



**RICHARD A. BROWN**  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
QUEENS COUNTY**  
125-01 QUEENS BOULEVARD  
KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK 11415-1568  
718-286-6000

Release #215-2006  
[www.queensda.org](http://www.queensda.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006

**CONTACT: PRESS OFFICE**  
(718) 286-6315

**D.A. BROWN: OHIO MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER**  
**IN 2002 SHOOTING DEATH OF ROOMMATE**

*Faces Up to 25 Years to Life in Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 26-year-old Columbus, Ohio, man has been found guilty following a two-week jury trial in connection with the June 2002 shooting death of his roommate outside the Jamaica, Queens, house they shared. The victim was shot in front of his 7-year-old daughter.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been held accountable for the cold-blooded and brutal murder of his roommate. The conviction was based, in part, on the testimony at trial of the victim's daughter, who was only seven at the time she witnessed her father being killed. Thanks to her courage, justice has been done."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Ricardo Lyons, 26, of 4362 Thornapple Circle East in Columbus, Ohio. Following three hours of deliberation, the jury convicted the defendant yesterday of second-degree murder. Justice Arthur Cooperman who took the verdict on behalf of Justice Randall T. Eng who presided at trial, set sentencing for October 26, 2006, at which time the defendant faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant resided at 21 William Court with Nicholas Peynado, 46, and Dwayne Wright. On June 21, 2002, Peynado had just returned home from a local McDonald's restaurant with his 7-year-old daughter, Summer Peynado, who was visiting him from Florida and found his roommates entertaining a woman - something he had warned them not to do. During the argument, Wright allegedly fired a 9-mm Ruger at the older Peynado, inflicting a superficial wound to his face. After the shot, Lyons struggled with the victim inside the house before throwing him down a flight of concrete stairs and into the street. As the victim tried to run, Lyons pulled him back in front of the house and, holding the victim with his arms locked behind his back, put Peynado on his knees. At this point, Wright allegedly came out of the house with the 9-mm. Ruger and shot Peynado in the head. Both men then fled.

District Attorney Brown said that Wright is presently being sought.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Debra Pomodore, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trial Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of 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.

#

Note to Editors: Press release e-version posted at [www.queensda.org](http://www.queensda.org).