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**D.A. BROWN: TWO CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER IN EARLY  
MORNING STABBING INCIDENTS IN JAMAICA**

*Face Up to 25 Years in Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that two Queens men have been charged with attempted murder and other charges in the early morning stabbing incidents last Saturday in Jamaica Queens. Both defendants face up to 25 years in prison each, if convicted..

District Attorney Brown said, "According to the charges, the defendants, within the span of one week, attacked five individuals at knifepoint, including three who were stabbed."

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Walter Molina, 22, of 89-24 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and Dalton Castellano, 23, 90-20 185<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens. Both defendants have been charged with Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Robbery in the First and Second Degree, Attempted Robbery in the First and Second Degree and Assault in the First and Second Degree. The defendants face up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

District Attorney Brown said that according to the charges, at about 4:00 am on October 8, 2006, in front of 184-13 Jamaica Avenue, the defendants surrounded Albaenga Sandoval, 19, and at knifepoint demanded his money and cellular phone. After receiving their complainants victim's belongings the defendants allegedly fled.

It is further alleged that on October 15, 2006 at approximately 4:35am on October 15, 2006 at the same location, the defendants surrounded Ismael Soto, 41, and at knifepoint demanded his money. Both defendants then allegedly reached into the complainants pockets and then fled the location.

It is additionally alleged that at approximately 4:40pm at the same location the defendants surrounded Luis Ramirez, 20, and at knifepoint demanded money from him. Mr. Ramirez allegedly refused the defendants' demands and defendant Molina then allegedly stabbed Mr. Ramirez in the chest causing serious physical injuries. The defendants then allegedly surrounded Malvin Ulloa, 20, who witnessed the first stabbing and at knifepoint stated to Mr. Ulloa "Get out of here or we'll kill you too." Defendant Molina then, it is alleged, slashed Mr. Ulloa across the neck. The defendants then allegedly surrounded Jose Maria, 18, also a witness, and demanded his money. Defendant Molina then allegedly snatched Mr. Maria's necklace from his neck and then stabbed him with a knife in the abdomen causing the complainant to suffer a perforated liver.

District Attorney Brown said that the defendants were arrested later that day and are being held pending arraignment in Queens Criminal Court..

The case is being prosecuted by District Attorney Brown's Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney James W. Evangelou, Bureau Chief, and Robert J. Hanophy, Deputy Chief and the overall supervision of Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials John H. Larsen.

It should be noted that criminal charges are merely accusations and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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