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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS FATHER SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN PRISON
FOR BRUTALLY ASSAULTING SIX-MONTH-OLD SON**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Queens father who admitted to severely beating his six-month-old son has been sentenced to four years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has now been punished for the brutal assault on his own son, an innocent and helpless six-month-old baby. Instead of protecting the infant, he admittedly punched and slapped him in the head and injured the child's hands. Thereafter, he and the child's mother, then 16, brought him to a local Queens hospital with the intent of abandoning him. Their callous disregard and lack of parental concern for one of society's most vulnerable victims is incomprehensible. The defendant will now spend four years in prison and live the rest of his life with the knowledge that he is responsible for seriously injuring his young child."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Kevin Gary, Sr., 32, of 109-01 Francis Lewis Boulevard in Queens Village, Queens. The defendant pleaded guilty on October 10, 2006 to second-degree assault before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Pauline A. Mullings who imposed today's determinate sentence of four years in prison, plus three years' probation and post-release supervision. The defendant's wife, Katrina Calloway, now 17, also of Queens Village, pleaded guilty to first-degree reckless endangerment on October 10, 2006 before Justice Mullings who indicated that she would sentence the defendant to five years' probation on December 4, 2006.

The District Attorney said that defendant Gary admitted in court that, between May 8 and June 1, 2006, at his Queens Village residence he repeatedly and forcefully beat his son, Kevin Gary, Jr., by punching him in the head and forcefully slapping him across his face. Additionally, he placed at least one rubber band around the child's hands to restrain the baby from removing the pacifier from his mouth, which resulted in burn-like injuries to the child's hands. His hands then became, among other things, swollen, infected and blistered. The child sustained a fractured clavicle as a result of the beating, as well as bruising to his upper hip, swelling to his head and upper torso, bruises and contusions to the inside of his lip and forehead and third-degree injuries and infection to both his hands.

District Attorney Brown said that defendant Calloway, admitted that she had observed Gary punch and slap their child on the head and body on at least 30 occasions over a six-month period and failed to seek medical attention for Gary Jr.'s various injuries.

According to the District Attorney, the defendants were arrested on June 1, 2006, the same day that they brought their son to Jamaica Hospital to try to abandon him. The child, who was treated at a local hospital following his parents' arrest, is presently in foster care.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Luz Figueroa of the New York City Police Department's 112th Precinct Special Victims Squad under the supervision of Sergeant Gisella Rodriguez.

Assistant District Attorney Frank P. DeGaetano, Supervisor of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, prosecuted the case under the overall supervision of Assistant District Attorney Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, 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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