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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS TEENAGER CONVICTED  
OF ARMED ROBBERY OF YOUNG MOTHER IN ELMHURST**

*Victim Pistolwhipped and Robbed of Purse*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Queens teenager already serving 51½ years to life in prison for the brutal Rochdale Village slaying of a young Chinese food deliveryman in February 2004 faces an additional prison term of 25 years following his conviction yesterday of the armed robbery of a young Asian mother in Elmhurst in October 2004.

District Attorney Brown said, “Residents of Queens County – in particular, those in our Asian community – can be assured that justice has been served and this defendant who is responsible for two monstrous attacks on innocent citizens will spend the rest of his life behind bars.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as William Capehart, 19, of 98-25 Horace Harding Expressway in Corona, Queens. The defendant was convicted on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, of first-degree robbery and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon following a two-week jury trial in Queens County Supreme Court in Kew Gardens. Justice Arthur Cooperman, who presided at the trial, set sentencing for November 16, 2006, at which time the defendant faces up to 25 years in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, at approximately 5:10 p.m. on October 3, 2004, in the vicinity of 88<sup>th</sup> Street and 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the defendant rode his bicycle up alongside Chu Zheng, a 27-year-old Asian woman walking to the supermarket, and, displaying a silver handgun, demanded her purse. When Mrs. Zheng refused, the defendant began punching her in the head and face. At this point, Mrs. Zheng threw her purse into the street and a struggle ensued as both fought to retrieve the purse. The defendant then pistolwhipped Mrs. Zheng before grabbing the purse and fleeing on his bicycle. Mrs. Zheng, a mother of one, was taken to a local Queens hospital, where she received several stitches for multiple lacerations to her head and was treated for lacerations and bruises to her head and knee.

District Attorney Brown noted that the defendant was previously sentenced on February 23, 2006, to 51½ years to life in prison for the murder of 18-year-old Huang Chen who he and two co-defendants – Charles Bryant 18, of 245-39 147<sup>th</sup> Drive in Rosedale, and Nayquan Miller, 18, of 168-24 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue – robbed, beat with a bat and repeatedly stabbed before dumping his body in a pond in Brookville Park. Bryant, who was convicted after trial of second-degree murder, was sentenced to 51⅓ years to life in prison and Miller, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison for their roles in the attack.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patricia A. Malloy, of the Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys, James W. Evangelou, Bureau Chief, and Robert J. Hanophy, Deputy Bureau 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.

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