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D.A. BROWN: MANHATTAN MAN ARRAIGNED ON ATTEMPTED MURDER AND ROBBERY CHARGES IN STABBING OF QUEENS CHINESE FOOD DELIVERYMAN

*Defendant Allegedly Caught on Building Surveillance Camera Shortly After Attack;
Faces Up To 25 Years In Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Manhattan man has been arraigned on attempted murder and robbery charges in the stabbing earlier this week of a Chinese food deliveryman in an Astoria housing development. Tape from the building's surveillance cameras allegedly shows the defendant coming to the scene of the attack and thereafter leaving holding a knife.

District Attorney Brown said, "It is alleged that the victim was lured to the Ravenswood House on the pretext of delivering a food order to an apartment on the fifth floor. He had no way of knowing that the man who would allegedly attack him minutes later shared the same elevator with him. In an attempt to keep the deliveryman off-guard, the defendant is alleged to have coolly exited the elevator on the fourth floor and then to have run up the stairs to the next flight. Once the deliveryman was alone on the fifth floor, the defendant allegedly jumped out from the stairway and viciously attacked his victim, grabbing him around the neck and stabbing him multiple times in his arm and upper body. Scared by the victim's loud screams, the defendant then allegedly fled down a stairway, leaving his victim bleeding profusely on the floor. Fortunately, the victim survived the ordeal and is expected to recover from his injuries."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as David Moore, 22, of 365 West 118th Street in Manhattan, who surrendered Wednesday evening to the Queens District Attorney's Office's NYPD Squad. He was arraigned this morning before Queens Criminal Court Judge Alex J. Zigman on charges of first-degree attempted murder, first-degree attempted robbery, first-degree assault and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison. The defendant was ordered held on \$300,000 bail and a return date of October 31, 2006, was set.

The District Attorney said, according to the charges, at approximately 7:40 on the evening of October 23, 2006, 39-year-old Jian Lin Hunag arrived at the Ravenswood Houses, located at 35-20 21st Street in Astoria, to deliver a Chinese food order to tenants on the fifth floor. As he entered the elevator, he was allegedly joined by the defendant, who exited on the fourth floor. Meanwhile, once on the fifth floor, it is alleged that Huang attempted to deliver the food order but no one answered at the specified apartment. Alone, Huang then heard footsteps running up the stairway and the door swing open behind him. The defendant allegedly grabbed Huang around the neck and stabbed him, once in his left upper arm, twice in his right torso and once in the chest, causing him to bleed heavily. During the attack, Huang began to scream loudly and the defendant allegedly fled the location through a stairwell door.

District Attorney Brown said that "the complaint further alleges that a VIPER (Video Interactive Patrol Enhanced Response) video shows the defendant entering the apartment building and then entering the elevator with Huang and exiting on the fourth floor just prior to the stabbing. The video also allegedly shows the defendant – immediately after the stabbing – leaving the building through a stairway and holding a knife in his right hand, and moments later, re-entering the building through another stairway."

Assistant District Attorney Shlomit Metz, of the District Attorney's Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau, is prosecuting the case 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.

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

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