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D.A. BROWN: HOLLIS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO VIOLENT TWO-WEEK CRIME SPREE
Admits to Raping Woman, Assaulting Nun and Robbing Banks; Faces 25 Years In Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Hollis, Queens, man who committed a series of violent crimes – including rape, assault and bank robbery – during a two-week period in January 2005 has entered a plea of guilty.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendant has proven himself to be a dangerous individual who has raped a woman, menaced a nun, threatened to shoot innocent bystanders and committed bank robberies. He will now be held accountable for his violent behavior by serving a lengthy prison sentence.”

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Roy Williams, 32, of 190-25 Woodhull Avenue in Hollis. The defendant pleaded guilty earlier today to Rape and Assault in the First Degree, Robbery in the First and Third Degrees before Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Buchter who indicated that he would sentence the defendant to a determinate term of 25 years in prison at sentencing on November 13, 2006.

According to District Attorney Brown, in pleading guilty, the defendant admitted to the following incidents:

- a bank robbery on January 4, 2005 at a North Fork Bank branch at 257-03 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica during which the defendant gave a teller a note claiming he was armed and would shoot her co-workers before fleeing with \$1,811;

- a bank robbery on January 7, 2005 at the Bank of America branch at 175-57 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica during which the defendant passed a similar note to a teller and fled with \$2,550;

- a rape of a 34-year-old woman on January 12, 2005 on Avon Street in Jamaica Estates during which the defendant attacked the woman in her automobile, sexually assaulted her, took her money and jewelry and fled in the vehicle;

- an assault on a 69-year-old Catholic nun on January 13, 2005 outside the Immaculate Conception convent on Midland Parkway in Jamaica Estates during which the defendant beat the victim with a pistol breaking her nose and inflicting other injuries before fleeing with her pocketbook and automobile, a 2002 Nissan Sentra; and

- a bank robbery on January 18, 2005 at the North Fork Savings Bank branch at 233-15 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica during which the defendant passed a note to a teller that claimed he was armed and would shoot her co-workers and fled with \$2,329.

Assistant District Attorney Frank P. DeGaetano, Supervisor of the District Attorney’s Special Victims Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, and Kenneth M. Appelbaum and Lucinda C. Suarez, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, 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.

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