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**D.A. BROWN: BRIARWOOD MAN CHARGED IN STABBING DEATH
OF 78-YEAR-OLD QUEENS RESIDENT**

Defendant also charged in earlier stabbing; Faces up to 25 years to life in prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Queens man has been charged with murder and weapons possession in the stabbing death of a 78-year-old Flushing resident yesterday afternoon in Jamaica. The defendant is also charged with an earlier assault that occurred last month in the same area.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is accused of being a dangerous individual who, in one instance, intentionally and repeatedly stabbed Carmine Randazzo, a published author and the father of three NYPD officers. The attack was vicious, random and unprovoked and not only shattered the lives of Mr. Randazzo's family but robbed society of a vibrant individual."

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the criminal charges, William Scott, 28, of 150-90 82nd Drive, in Briarwood, Queens, stabbed Carmine Randazzo, 78, numerous times in front of 80-25 Parsons Boulevard just after noon yesterday. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he later died.

The District Attorney said that the defendant was arrested at his home yesterday afternoon by police officers of the 107th Precinct and has been charged with two counts of second degree murder and one count of fourth degree criminal possession of a weapon and faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted.

District Attorney Brown said, that it is further alleged that on August 12, 2006 at about 5:40 p.m. on Union Turnpike and Parsons Boulevard the defendant assaulted Lawrence Nelson, 48, of 147-27 Charter Road, Queens. The defendant stabbed the victim with an unknown sharp object in the right index finger and then fled. The defendant has been charged with second degree assault and fourth degree criminal possession of a weapon in that incident.

The defendant is being held pending arraignment in Queens Criminal Court.

Assistant District Attorney Charissa Ilardi of the District Attorney's Homicide Investigations Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, and Peter J. McCormack, Deputy Bureau Chief, and Richard B. Schaeffer, Supervisor 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.

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

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