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### **News Advisory**

Jack Rhodes, 44, whose last known address was 34-25 Vernon Boulevard in Long Island City, is charged with assault and robbery as hate crimes in the muggings of two elderly women in Jamaica Estates last month. The defendant also is charged in two other incidents in which a 51-year-old woman was allegedly assaulted and robbed and a Queens building was allegedly burglarized.

Rhodes was arraigned late this afternoon before Queens Criminal Court Judge Robert McGann on three criminal complaints. He is charged with two counts of Burglary in the First Degree as a Hate Crime, two counts of Robbery in the Second Degree as a Hate Crime, two counts of Assault in the Second Degree as a Hate Crime, two counts of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree as a Hate Crime, one count of Burglary in the First Degree, one count of Burglary in the Second Degree, one count of Robbery in the Second Degree, one count of Assault in the Second Degree, one count of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent Person. If convicted, he faces a determinate sentence of between 12 years and 25 years in prison.

Rhodes was ordered held without bail and his next court date is May 11, 2007. He is being represented by Legal Aid attorney Paul Montgomery (718-286-2236).