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**D.A. BROWN: BROOKLYN MAN SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR 2004 ARMED ROBBERY AND CARJACKING OF TWO INDIVIDUALS**
Sentence To Be Served Consecutive To 30 Year Rape Conviction Presently Being Served

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 34-year-old man who last year began serving a 30 year prison term for rape has been sentenced to an additional 40 years in prison for two gunpoint robberies and carjackings. The imposed sentences are to run consecutively.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is a social predator who has proven time and again that he is a menace to society. With today's sentence, the public can rest assured that the defendant will spend the rest of his life in prison and no longer be a threat."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Wayne J. Salton, 34, formerly of 426 Grant Avenue in Brooklyn. The defendant was convicted on March 21, 2007, of four counts of first-degree robbery, two counts each of second- degree robbery and second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon and one count of first-degree reckless endangerment following a two-week jury trial. Justice Randall T. Eng, who presided at trial, sentenced the defendant to a determinate sentence of 20 years in prison on each of the two robbery incidents. Justice Eng ordered that the sentences run consecutive to each other for a total of 40 years and that the 40 year term run consecutive to a 30 year sentence that Salton is presently serving as a result of a rape and attempted rape conviction in Brooklyn last November.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant approached 23-year-old Michael Hackett in front of 157-03 North Conduit Avenue at about 6:00 a.m. on December 4, 2004, and asked him for a light. Hackett stated that he did not smoke and the defendant walked away, only to return moments later and ask Hackett to give him his keys and everything in his pockets. When Hackett hesitated, the defendant pulled out a loaded handgun and said, "I'll cap you right here." Hackett then took out his wallet and removed approximately \$220 in cash, which the defendant snatched from his hands, along with the wallet. The defendant then again asked Hackett for his keys. Hesitating, the defendant pointed the gun at Hackett's head and again demanded the keys. Hackett complied and the defendant told him to run. Hackett ran to the end of the block and then turned around and walked back and saw the defendant struggling to get his car started. Seeing Hackett, the defendant got out of the car and again told him to run. As Hackett ran once again, he heard a gun being fired. Hackett returned to the scene a short while later and saw the defendant was gone and his keys on the ground by the car.

The District Attorney said that less than two hours later, according to the charges, the defendant asked Juan Carlos Velez for a ride to an ATM machine. Velez drove the defendant to the Executive Motor Inn. When the defendant returned to the car, he asked Velez to take him to the Airport Inn. As Velez stopped his car at the corner of 144th Terrace and 167th Street, the defendant, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, pulled out a handgun and demanded Velez's money. Velez gave the defendant \$450 and stepped out of the car. The defendant then turned to Selena Cruz, who was a passenger in the backseat and, pointing the gun at her, demanded her money. Cruz stated that she had no money and exited the car. Velez and Cruz then watched the defendant drive away in Velez's car.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys John D. Carroll and Karen Migdal of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys, Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, and Kenneth M. Appelbaum and Lucinda C. Suarez, Deputy 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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