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**D.A. BROWN: JAMAICA MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON
FOR FATAL SHOOTING OF CITY WORKER**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Jamaica, Queens, man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for the August 2002 shooting death of an on-duty New York City Department of Environmental Protection worker.

District Attorney Brown said, "The victim was a hard-working City employee with a wife and three children when his life was cut short by the cold-blooded and vicious actions of the defendant. I hope the victim's family finds solace in the knowledge that justice has been done and that the killer of their loved one will spend the rest of his life in prison."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Taiquan Williams, 25, of 115-31 158th Street in Jamaica. The defendant was convicted last month of second-degree murder, first-degree attempted robbery, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon and tampering with physical evidence before Queens Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Cooperman who imposed today's indeterminate sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, on August 9, 2002, the defendant, armed with a 9mm handgun, approached the victim, Eugene McMahon, 46, a New York City Department of Environmental Protection employee assigned to supervise the overnight repair of water and sewer mains, as he sat in his marked department vehicle at 40th Road and Northern Boulevard in Flushing and shot him once in the head, fatally wounding him before stealing his wallet.

District Attorney Brown said that the defendant was apprehended when during questioning by police on an unrelated matter he indicated that he had knowledge of an unsolved murder. Following an investigation, the defendant admitted his involvement in the murder of the DEP worker. He was arrested and charged in March 2005.

Assistant District Attorney Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Brad Leventhal, Bureau Chief, 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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