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D.A. BROWN: RIKERS ISLAND INMATE SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON
IN MURDER-FOR-HIRE PLOT TO KILL MOTHER
Supposed Hitman Actually Undercover Police Officer

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 30-year-old Rikers Island who sought to hire a hitman to kill his mother while he was serving time for drug possession has been sentenced to 7½ to 15 years in state prison for the murder-for-hire plot. The supposed hitman was actually an undercover police officer.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendant, an only child, solicited an individual whom he thought to be a hitman to kill his mother over the Easter weekend in return for three of the woman’s fur coats, valued at \$10,000, in the belief that being in jail afforded him an airtight alibi. Unfortunately for him, the hitman who he hired was an undercover police officer and their conversation detailing the plot was being secretly recorded.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Joseph Salvio, 30, of 30-63 35th Street in Astoria. Salvio pleaded guilty to Conspiracy in the Second Degree (to Commit Murder) on July 25, 2007, before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice James P. Griffin, who imposed today’s indeterminate sentence of 7½ years to 15 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, at the time of the plea, the defendant admitted that on the afternoon of Friday, April 6, 2007, he met with an undercover police officer, posing as a hitman, on Rikers Island, and solicited him to murder his mother – 54-year-old Susan Allogramento – in her Astoria home. Salvio, who did not get along with his mother and wanted his inheritance, offered the undercover officer three of his mother’s fur coats – a mink, a fox and a raccoon – valued at approximately \$10,000. The defendant wrote down various information – such as his mother’s address, phone number and how he wanted the murder to look like a robbery – and handed the sheet of paper to the undercover officer. The defendant was arrested three days later when he was scheduled to be released after serving a four-month jail sentence for possession of a controlled substance.

The investigation was conducted by NYPD Detective Enrico Morriello and Sergeant Robert Delaney, of the Identity Theft Squad, under the supervision of Captain Gregory T. Antonsen, Squad Commander, and the overall supervision of Chief of Detectives George F. Brown.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Chen, under the supervision of Gregory C. Pavlides, Bureau Chief, and Christina Hanophy, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney Linda M. Cantoni.

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