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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON  
FOR 2002 SHOOTING DEATH AND ROBBERY OF FRIEND**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 30-year-old Jamaica, Queens, man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for fatally shooting and robbing a friend who had allowed him to stay in his Whitestone home.

District Attorney Brown said, "The victim, having allowed the defendant to stay in his home for several weeks, had his act of kindness repaid by being shot at close range, robbed of cash, and his body ignominiously stuffed in a closet. Under the circumstances, the sentence imposed is more than warranted."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Mark Koki, 30, of 89-21 169<sup>th</sup> Street in Jamaica. The defendant was convicted on November 6, 2006, of second-degree murder, first-degree robbery and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Queens Supreme Court Justice Ronald D. Hollie, who presided at the three-week jury trial, imposed today's indeterminate sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant was staying at the home of Alan Schneiderman, 42, of 17-01 Clintonville Street, on October 30, 2002, when he fired a single gunshot at close range, striking the victim in the head and fatally wounding him. The defendant then stuffed the victim's body in a closet and removed \$1,000 in cash from the victim's wallet. The body was discovered a few days later when the victim, having failed to show up in Florida as planned, his family notified police.

Assistant District Attorney Denise Tirino, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, Deputy 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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