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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER
IN 2002 EXECUTION-STYLE SHOOTING DEATH OF FATHER AND BROTHER**

Faces Life Without Parole in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Jamaica, Queens, man has been found guilty following a jury trial for the 2002 execution-style shooting death of his brother and father inside of the home in which all three men lived. The murders occurred in front of the defendant's five-year-old nephew, who was not physically harmed.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been convicted of the cold-blooded and brutal murder of his own father and brother which he carried out in front of his young nephew who, hopefully, will be able to survive the emotional trauma of that which had occurred and grow up to lead a normal life. The defendant's lethal conduct warrants imposition of a maximum prison sentence of life without parole to punish him and protect society."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as James Seecoomar, Jr., 37, of 171-24 Liberty Avenue in Jamaica. The defendant, who worked at a deli, was convicted late this afternoon of two counts of first-degree murder, one count of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon and one count of endangering the welfare of a child by a jury of seven men and five women that deliberated for two hours following a twelve-day trial. The jury returned a verdict of guilty before Queens Supreme Court Robert J. Hanophy. The defendant, who has been held without bail since his arrest in March 2002, faces a minimum sentence of 20 years to life in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole when sentenced on March 27, 2007.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, on the morning of March 27, 2002, the defendant snuck up behind his brother, Leonard Seecoomar, 35, as he sat on his living room couch watching television and shot him once in the back of the head with a revolver, killing him. Moments later, the defendant's father, James Seecoomar, Sr., 66, rushed into the living room and the defendant shot him in the head and torso, killing him. Both murders were committed in front of Leonard Seecoomar's five-year-old son, Julian.

Assistant District Attorney Shawn Clark, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of 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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