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**D.A. BROWN: FOREST HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL AIDE**  
**CHARGED WITH RAPING 11-YEAR-OLD STUDENT**

*Faces Up To Seven Years in Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a longtime aide at P.S. 196 in Forest Hills has been charged with the statutory rape of an 11-year-old boy more than seven years ago.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is alleged to have betrayed her position of trust at a Forest Hills middle school by taking advantage of a young student. The defendant's alleged conduct is not simply a violation of law but of society's innate code of ethics. Parents should never have to be concerned or worried about their children's well-being when in school."

The District Attorney added, "Fortunately, the law recognizes that, unlike adults, child victims are often not in a position to report their victimization in a timely way. They may be too young or too frightened to disclose the abuse, their abuser may be in a position of authority over them or they may be under the financial or physical control of their abuser. As a result, the law stops the clock for children and tolls the statute of limitations so that the usual five-year period does not begin to run until the time the child actually reports the crime to law enforcement or social services or the child reaches the age of eighteen. As a result, even though the crimes alleged here took place more than seven years ago, the alleged abuser can still be brought to justice."

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Lois Enden, 55, of 99-21 67<sup>th</sup> Road in Forest Hills. Enden, who has been employed as a school aide at P.S. 196 since 1990, is being held pending arraignment in Queens Criminal Court in Kew Gardens on five counts of second-degree rape and two counts of second-degree sodomy. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, the defendant approached the victim when he was in the fourth grade and took him into an empty room where she kissed him on the mouth. Thereafter, she began to drive him home after school on a regular basis. It is alleged that she had sexual intercourse with him at both of their homes at various times between 1999 and June 2000, when he graduated from fifth grade and left the school.

The District Attorney said that an investigation began approximately four weeks ago when the victim, now 19, met the defendant by chance and told a friend what had allegedly occurred while he was a student at P.S. 196, located at 71-25 113 Street in Forest Hills. The friend, in turn, convinced the victim to report the incident to police.

The investigation was conducted by Detective George Negrón of the New York City Police Department's Queens Special Victims Squad under the command of Lieutenant Arthur Hall.

Assistant District Attorney Kenneth M. Appelbaum, Deputy Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, and under 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.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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