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**D.A. BROWN: BROOKLYN MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER
IN SHOOTING DEATH OF OFF-DUTY NEW YORK STATE COURT OFFICER AND
WOUNDING OF TWO OTHERS**

Faces Up to 75 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Brooklyn man has been convicted of murder and other charges in the May 2004 shooting death of an off-duty New York State Court Officer and shooting of two others inside Club Phenomenon in Astoria.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been convicted of shooting to death a hardworking father of three young children and wounding two other security officers. The defendant chose to avenge his eviction from the club by the security officers with a gun and now he will be severely punished for his senseless decision. His actions will now result in his serving what will probably be the rest of his life behind bars."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Moises Valerio, 32, of 182 Hull Street, Brooklyn. He was convicted of second degree murder, two counts of second degree attempted murder, two counts each of first degree assault and one count each of second and third degree criminal possession of a weapon.

A jury of six women and six men deliberated for over three days before returning a verdict of guilty today before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert C. McGann who set a sentencing date of May 24, 2007. The defendant faces up to 75 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to the trial testimony, in the early morning hours of May 22, 2004, the defendant, along with several of his friends were evicted from the now closed Club Phenomenon which was located at 62-05 30th Avenue. The defendant, upset at what had just occurred, went to his vehicle parked near the club and retrieved a gun. He returned to the club and fired numerous shots at the three security officers who had thrown him out - - Francisco Rosa, 35, and Michael Serrano, 38, both New York State Court Officers and Reginald Hayes, 39, a security officer at the club. Mr. Rosa was fatally struck once in the abdomen. Mr. Serrano was shot in the arm, chest and back and Mr. Hayes was shot in the elbow, hip and buttocks.

Assistant District Attorney Michelle E. Goldstein, Deputy Chief of the District Attorney's Gang Violence and Hate Crime Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Mariela P. Herring, 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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