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**D.A. BROWN: LONG ISLAND WAREHOUSE MANAGER SENTENCED  
TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR 2005 SHOOTING OF PREGNANT SISTER-IN-LAW**

*Victim's Body Found in Trunk of Car With Gunshot Wound to Head*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Long Island man who pleaded guilty last month to the February 2005 fatal shooting of his pregnant sister-in-law whose lifeless body was discovered in the trunk of her automobile in Jamaica, Queens, has been sentenced to thirty years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant admitted to fatally shooting his former sister-in-law once in the head allegedly to prevent her from telling his brother – her ex-husband – that she was pregnant with the defendant's baby. The defendant has now been severely punished for his violent actions that cut short the life of a young woman, left her family shattered by grief and her young daughter – the defendant's niece and goddaughter – facing life without a mother. I hope the victim's family finds solace in the knowledge that justice has been done."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Steven Schiovone, 37, of 104 Harvest Lane in Levittown. Schiovone, a former warehouse manager, pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon on April 17, 2007, before Queens Supreme Court Justice Randall T. Eng who imposed today's determinate sentence of thirty years in prison.

The District Attorney said that, in pleading guilty, the defendant admitted that he caused the death of Susan Ambrosino, 26, of Franklin Square, who was ten weeks pregnant and the mother of his then nine-year-old niece, on February 21, 2005, by shooting her once in the left side of her head with an illegal handgun as she sat in the front seat of her red Nissan Altima parked at 178<sup>th</sup> Street and Jamaica Avenue in Jamaica, Queens. The defendant then placed her lifeless body in the car trunk and left the scene.

According to the District Attorney, in the early morning of February 22, 2005, a passerby found a purse belonging to the victim on the sidewalk of 182<sup>nd</sup> Place and Jamaica Avenue and phoned the Nassau County Police Department – which had earlier initiated an investigation into the victim's disappearance after her family had reported her missing when she failed to return home the night before. The victim's car was discovered later in the evening on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

District Attorney Brown said that Nassau County Police arrested the defendant on February 23, 2005, on charges of driving without a seatbelt and with a suspended registration and license. He was arrested the following day by NYPD detectives and charged with the murder of his former sister-in-law.

The investigation was conducted by New York City Police Department Detectives Christopher Bollerman and Kevin Stocker, of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Detective Squad under the supervision of Lieutenant Patrick Wing, and by Detectives John Collins and John Warner, of the Queens Homicide Task Force under the supervision of Lieutenant Richard Bellucci, and by Nassau County Police Department Lieutenant Dennis Farrell of the Homicide Squad and Detective Albert Brandel of the Missing Persons Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case 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.

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