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**D.A. BROWN: ALLEGEDLY SPURNED BOYFRIEND ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES  
OF MURDERING TEENAGE GIRLFRIEND INSIDE HER QUEENS RESIDENCE**

*Defendant Held Without Bail; Faces Life in Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 20-year-old Springfield Gardens man has been arraigned on charges of fatally shooting his teenage girlfriend – who was trying to end their relationship – during a dispute inside her Jackson Heights residence last month.

District Attorney Brown said, “This is a terribly sad and tragic case in which the defendant is accused of resorting to mindless violence to end the life and dreams of a young and talented college co-ed. In the process, the defendant also shattered the hopes of her family. The charges against the defendant will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.”

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Shane Tomlinson, 20, of 178-15 Selover Road in Springfield Gardens. The defendant, formerly employed as a salesman, was arraigned last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Suzanne Melendez on a criminal complaint, charging him with second-degree murder, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon and tampering with physical evidence. Tomlinson, who faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted, was remanded without bail and ordered to return to court on May 16, 2007.

The District Attorney said that, according to the criminal complaint, at 6:10 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2007, the defendant used a .45 caliber pistol to fatally shoot Chameka Miller in the left cheek while inside the stairwell of her residence at 33-24 77<sup>th</sup> Street in Jackson Heights. Shortly thereafter, the defendant is alleged to have disposed of the illegal handgun in a garbage can on Queens Boulevard. The victim purportedly had tried to break up with the defendant prior to the incident.

District Attorney Brown said that the defendant was arrested Tuesday, May 1, 2007, after detectives took him into custody in Brooklyn, where he was staying with a friend.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Christian Farkash of the New York City Police Department’s 115 Detective Squad under the supervision of Lieutenant Anthony Mottola, Commanding Officer.

Assistant District Attorney Marissa B. Gillespie of the District Attorney’s Homicide Investigations Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, Peter J. McCormack III, 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.

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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