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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN BEATING DEATH OF ROBBERY
VICTIM**

Robbery that left Corona woman dead netted defendant just \$5

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Queens man has pleaded guilty in the death of a Corona woman who was brutally stomped and beaten before being robbed of \$5 and left to die on a sidewalk. The defendant will be sentenced to 22 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said, "The victim was at the end of an ordinary day of working and grocery shopping when she unfortunately crossed paths with the defendant. He threw her to the sidewalk and savagely beat her about the head and body leaving her to die in a pool of her own blood barely half a block from her home. Fortunately, the defendant was apprehended and has now admitted being responsible for this senseless murder and robbery. NYPD detectives doggedly pursued the case until they received a crucial tip which eventually led to DNA belonging to the victim being positively compared to blood found on a pair of the defendant's sneakers. He pleaded guilty just as his trial was about to get underway."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Warlin Ramirez, 25, whose last known address was 99-11 57th Avenue in Corona. He pleaded guilty today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert Hanophy to first-degree manslaughter. The defendant will be sentenced on May 20, 2008 to 22 years in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to the criminal charges, the defendant was walking the streets of Corona on the evening of December 12, 2002, when he and two unapprehended accomplices decided to rob Say Mee Ngu, a 57-year-old immigrant from Malaysia who lived with her son and his family on 98th Street in Corona. Ms. Ngu, who spoke no English and worked at a hair salon in Flushing, had just stepped off the Q58 bus after doing grocery shopping near the hair salon, when the individuals surrounded her on the corner of 98th Street and 55th Avenue and knocked her to the ground. Ramirez then began stomping on her face and chest while she screamed. The other robbers fled on foot and met up with the defendant a short while later at a local laundromat, where Ramirez stated that the victim only had five dollars on her. He then stood in a puddle of water and attempted to wash away the blood on his sneakers

Say Mee Ngu was found bleeding on the sidewalk, barely alive, with her groceries strewn about her. There were several bloody footprints leading away from the victim's body. The victim was pronounced dead at Elmhurst General Hospital a short while later. The cause of death was severe blunt trauma to the head.

The investigation was conducted by NYPD Detectives Billy Milan and Stephen Aquaviva and Sergeants William Wanamker and James Haverline, all formerly assigned to the 110th Precinct.

Assistant District Attorney John Kosinski, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, 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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