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**BROOKLYN MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER IN 2004 QUEENS SLAYING**

*Faces Up To 25 Years To Life In Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 44-year-old Brooklyn man has been convicted of murder in the September 2004 shooting death of his best friend.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has been convicted of a senseless murder. By choosing to use a weapon instead of words to settle a verbal dispute with his best friend he will now probably spend the rest of his life behind bars as punishment for his actions."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Kevin Anderson, 44, of 553 Kingsborough Walk (Kingsborough Houses) in Brooklyn. The defendant was convicted today of second-degree murder and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Hanophy, who presided at the ten-day jury trial, set sentencing for September 10, 2008, at which time the defendant faces up to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant was arguing with the victim, Derek Reid, 41, of 790 Quincy Street in Brooklyn, during the early morning hours of September 19, 2004, in a courtyard behind 148-01 Rockaway Boulevard in the Jamaica section of Queens. At one point, the defendant left the location, only to return with a gun and shoot the victim once in the head.

The defendant was arrested six days later following a tip to the police. He has been held without bail since that time.

Assistant District Attorney John W. Kosinki, of the Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the direct supervision of Brad Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Charles Testagrossa, Executive Assistant District Attorney, Major Crimes Division, and Daniel Saunders, Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney.

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