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**D.A. BROWN: BRONX MAN CONVICTED OF GANG ASSAULT  
AS A PERSISTENT VIOLENT FELON; FACES  
20 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON**

*Victim Was Seriously Injured in Flushing Bar Fight*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 37-year-old Bronx man has been convicted of first-degree gang assault for the brutal beating of another man in a Flushing bar last May. A co-defendant in the case pleaded guilty to the attack last year.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendant in this case faces a considerable amount of time – a minimum of 20 years to life in prison – because he is a persistent violent felon with two prior violent felony convictions. He showed no mercy to his victim and now he will be punished for a vicious attack that included hitting the victim in the head with a bar stool after he had been knocked out.”

District Attorney Brown identified the defendant as Vinh Dinh, 37, of the Bronx, with no known street address. The defendant was convicted today of first-degree gang assault after a jury trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Joel Blumenfeld, who will sentence him on February 13, 2008. His co-defendant, Hendra Setiawan, 38, of 709 Seneca Avenue, in Flushing, Queens, pleaded guilty to second-degree assault on July 2, 2007, and was sentenced to time served and five years probation.

According to court testimony, the defendants were in the Coco Bar, at 131-37A 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, in Flushing, Queens, in the early morning hours of May 27, 2007, when they viciously attacked a 30-year-old man who was also at the bar. The victim was punched several times and fell to the floor, according to video from a surveillance camera. While the victim lay unconscious, Dinh grabbed a bar stool and used it to hit him in the head. The victim suffered a depressed skull, a fractured eye socket, bruises about his body, had to have three staples to his forehead, and continues to suffer blurry vision.

Assistant District Attorney Todd Kaminsky, of the District Attorney’s Kew Gardens II Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Daniel M. Sullivan, Bureau Chief, and Theresa M. Lendino and Mark Osnowitz, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Trial Division, James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorneys John H. Larsen and Robert J. Masters.

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