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**SPURNED BOYFRIEND SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING
DEATH OF TEENAGE GIRLFRIEND INSIDE HER QUEENS RESIDENCE**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 21-year-old Springfield Gardens man has been sentenced to 24 years in state prison for the fatal shooting of his teenage girlfriend – who had been trying to end their relationship – during a dispute inside her Jackson Heights residence in April 2007.

District Attorney Brown said, “The victim, a young and talented college co-ed, had her life taken away by the defendant during a deadly verbal argument that ended in mindless gunfire. The defendant has now been held accountable for his crime and will serve a lengthy prison term.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Shane Tomlinson, 21, of 178-15 Selover Road in Springfield Gardens. The defendant, who has been held without bail since his arrest on May 1, 2007, and pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter last month, was sentenced today by Queens Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Cooperman to a determinate term of 24 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, at 6:10 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2007, the defendant used a .45 caliber pistol to fatally shoot 18-year-old Chameka Miller in the left cheek while inside the stairwell of her residence at 33-24 77th Street in Jackson Heights. Shortly thereafter, the defendant 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.

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

Assistant District Attorney Karen Ross, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and 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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