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**QUEENS MOTORIST SENTENCED TO UP TO NINE YEARS IN PRISON
IN DEATH OF TWO PEDESTRIANS ON QUEENS BOULEVARD**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 24-year-old Rego Park man has been sentenced to up to nine years in prison for the vehicular crash that killed two male pedestrians on Queens Boulevard in November 2013.

District Attorney Brown said, “This was an absolutely senseless tragedy with deadly consequences that could have easily been avoided. Today’s sentence is a fitting punishment and a reminder that driving is a privilege, not a right, and extreme caution should – and must – be exercised at all times in order to prevent lives from being destroyed.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Leonid Redko, 24, of 63rd Drive in Rego Park, Queens. Redko pleaded guilty on October 28, 2015, to second-degree manslaughter before Queens Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak, who imposed today’s indeterminate sentence of three to nine years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the criminal charges, Redko was driving a 2014 yellow Chevrolet Camaro at more than 100 miles an hour westbound along the Queens Boulevard service road, near Broadway, on the morning of November 11, 2013, when he lost control and hit a phone kiosk and a lamppost before the vehicle rotated and jumped the curb, fatally striking two individuals, Man Chit Cheng, 59, and Wang Mu Lin, 41, on their way to work.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Keshia J. Espinal, of the District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys John W. Kosinski, Chief of the District Attorney’s Vehicular Homicide Unit, and Peter T. Reese, Homicide Investigation 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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