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**QUEENS MAN CONVICTED OF PREDATORY SEXUAL ASSAULT
OF PRE-TEEN GIRL OVER THREE YEAR PERIOD**

Defendant Faces Up To 25 Years To Life In Prison When Sentenced

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Jamaica, Queens, man has been convicted of sexually assaulting a young girl over a three-year period, beginning when she was only seven years old.

District Attorney Brown said, “The facts alleged in this case chronicle a frightening ordeal of sexual violence that went on for years. By using his friendship with the victim’s mother, the defendant took advantage of an innocent child for his own sexual gratification. He has now been convicted of being a pedophile and is deserving of a sentence reflective of the cruelty and selfishness of this crime.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Shaking Jones, 36, of 114th Road in Jamaica, Queens. Jones was convicted yesterday of predatory sexual assault against a child, first-degree course of sexual conduct against a child and endangering the welfare of a child following a three-week jury trial presided over by Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Buchter, who ordered Jones held without bail following his conviction. Sentencing is scheduled for September 13, 2017, at which time Jones faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, Jones was dating the 7-year-old girl’s mother when, beginning on August 1, 2012, he regularly and repeatedly sexually assaulted his young victim. The abuse ended in July 2015 when the victim disclosed to an adult cousin what was occurring.

The investigation was conducted by New York City Police Detective Cecilia Papaleo of the Queens Child Abuse Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Laura M. Kitchen, of the District Attorney’s Special Victims Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Kenneth M. Appelbaum, Bureau Chief, and Assistant District Attorney Eric C. Rosenbaum and Debra L. Pomodore, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Brad A. Leventhal.

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