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**QUEENS MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN PRISON**  
**FOR KILLING OF RICHMOND HILL MAN DURING ROBBERY**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 25-year-old Woodhaven, Queens man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison after pleading guilty to beating a Richmond Hill man to death during a robbery in July 2014.

District Attorney Brown said, “This defendant -- a young man who could have had a productive life in front of him -- instead chose a path of senseless violence and criminal activity. Sadly, a 55-year-old leader in the Bangladeshi community was beaten to death and robbed. In pleading guilty, the defendant has admitted to this heinous crime and will be imprisoned as punishment and to keep society safe.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Nestor Rodriguez, 25, of 90th Street in the Woodhaven section of Queens. Last month, the defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter before Queens Supreme Court Justice Barry Schwartz. Today, Justice Schwartz sentenced Rodriguez to 18 years in prison to be followed by five years’ post release supervision. Rodriguez’s co-defendant’s case is pending.

According to the charges, said District Attorney Brown, Rodriguez and his co-defendant attacked 55-year-old Nazmul Islam at the intersection of 76<sup>th</sup> Street and Atlantic Avenue at approximately 4:30 a.m. on July 9, 2014. The victim was repeatedly punched and choked. Incapacitated on the ground, Mr. Islam had money taken from his pocket. He was taken to a hospital where he died from his injuries.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Timothy J. Regan, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and John W. Kosinski, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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