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BUFFALO RESIDENT INDICTED ON MURDER CHARGES
FOR GUNNING DOWN QUEENS MAN IN SEPTEMBER

*Victim Shot After Parking Vehicle Just Steps from His Ozone Park Home;
Defendant Faces Up to 25 Years-to-Life in Prison if Convicted*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced today that Dwayne Scott, 22, has been indicted by a Queens grand jury and arraigned in Supreme Court on murder charges. The defendant is accused of gunning down a 20-year-old Queens man in Ozone Park on September 24th.

District Attorney Katz said, “The murder of this young man has left a family devastated and a young toddler without his father. This was yet another example of the senseless gun violence that is wreaking havoc in our community and causing untold grief. The defendant has been returned to Queens from upstate New York to answer for his alleged crimes.”

Scott, of Floss Avenue in Buffalo, NY, was arraigned today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Michael Aloise on an indictment charging him with murder in the second degree and two-counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. Justice Aloise set the defendant’s return date for December 9, 2021. Scott faces up to 25 years-to-life in prison if convicted.

According to the charges, Brandon Rodriguez had just parked a car near the intersection of 102nd Road and 84th Street and was walking down the street when the defendant allegedly stepped out of another vehicle and fired multiple times at the 20-year-old. Mr. Rodriguez was hit multiple times all over his body. He died as a result of the injuries.

DA Katz said, Scott was apprehended in Buffalo last week and returned to Queens to face charges.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Villanueva of the 102nd Precinct Detective Squad and Detective Perez of Queens South Homicide Squad.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Courtney Charles, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Bureau, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Antonio Vittiglio, are prosecuting the case, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter McCormack III, Senior Deputy Bureau Chief, John W. Kosinski and Karen Ross, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, Robert Ciesla, Section Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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