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ARRAIGNMENT UPDATE:

**QUEENS MAN ARRAIGNED ON INDICTMENT CHARGING HIM WITH MURDER AS A HATE CRIME
FOR LABOR DAY STABBING DEATH**

*Defendant Allegedly Used Homophobic Slur Just Before Knife Attack;
Accused Faces Up to 25 Years to Life in Prison if Convicted*

Defendant James Williams, 51, of New Haven Avenue in Far Rockaway, Queens, was arraigned today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard Buchter on an indictment charging him with murder in the second degree as a hate crime, murder in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the third and fourth degree and tampering with evidence.

Justice Buchter held the defendant without bail and ordered him to return to court on November 10, 2020. If convicted, Williams faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

Williams is being represented by David Strachan, Jr., 718-261-3047 x569.

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