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## QUEENS MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER FOR DEADLY STABBING OF FLUSHING RESIDENT

Defendant Faces 25 Years-to-Life in Prison if Convicted

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced today that Yang Zhang, 35, has been charged with murder, burglary and other crimes in the stabbing death of a 41-year-old man that took place in the early morning hours of Sunday, May 22, 2022.

District Attorney Katz said, "This brutal act of violence is compounded by the seemingly random nature of the attack. As alleged, this defendant entered the home of the victim without permission in the middle of the night and violently stabbed him to death. Thankfully, the victim's wife escaped but must now cope with the tragedy of losing her loved one. The defendant now faces justice in our Courts for his alleged crimes."

Zhang, of 147<sup>th</sup> Street, Flushing, Queens, was arraigned last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Anthony Battisti on a five-count complaint charging him with murder in the second degree, burglary in the first degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree. Judge Battisti ordered the defendant to return to Court on May 26, 2022. If convicted, Zhang faces 25 years-to-life in prison.

According to the charges, at approximately 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2022, the defendant allegedly entered the apartment of the victim, Yat Ming Wong, and after a brief verbal altercation, used a sharp object to repeatedly stab Mr. Wong multiple times in the legs, neck, head, and arms.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Shaquan Harvin of the Queens Homicide Squad and Detective Carl Caputo of the 109<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct.

Assistant District Attorney Anthony Vittiglio of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter McCormack III and John W. Kosinski, Senior Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and Karen Ross, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

Criminal complaints and indictments are accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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