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CORONA MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER
FOR VIOLENTLY ASSAULTING AND STABBING COUSIN

Faces up to 25 Years in Prison

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Edward Huerta was arraigned today on charges of attempted murder and other crimes for allegedly attacking his roommate and cousin in their Corona residence. The 19-year-old female victim suffered a fractured skull and bleeding on her brain, among other injuries, after Huerta allegedly assaulted her with a baseball bat and knife Monday evening.

District Attorney Katz said: “At the center of domestic violence prosecutions is the brutality and intimidation batterers use to impose their will on their victims. We will hold accountable the person who is allegedly responsible for this savage assault that has left a young woman fighting for her life.”

Huerta, 21, of 108th Street in Corona, was arraigned in Queens Criminal Court on a complaint charging him with attempted murder in the second degree, assault in the first and second degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree. Judge Diego Freire ordered Huerta to return to Court on January 6. If convicted, Huerta faces up to 25 years in prison.

According to the charges, on Monday, January 2, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Huerta was with a female cousin inside the apartment where both reside near the intersection of 108th Street and Roosevelt Avenue. Witnesses reportedly heard the victim, Ana Lucia Quiroz Chimborazo, screaming. Huerta allegedly barricaded the woman inside the apartment and violently attacked her, hitting her multiple times with a baseball bat. The defendant allegedly stabbed Quiroz Chimborazo multiple times in the face, chest and arms.

Other family members attempted to enter the apartment, which Huerta fled jumping from a window. Police responding to the location cornered the defendant near the residence. Huerta allegedly said in sum and substance, “I wanted to die with her, I wanted to commit suicide with her.” The victim was found lying unconscious on her bed after the attack.

The victim was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment of her injuries, including lacerations to the face, a skull fracture, bleeding on her brain and other trauma wounds. The defendant was also taken to a local hospital.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Kevin Deleon of the 115th Precinct Detective Squad.

Assistant District Attorneys Kathryn Ingle and Nicole Reid, of the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Bureau, are prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Audra Beerman and Mary Kate Quinn, Deputy Bureau Chiefs.

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