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**BROOKLYN MAN CHARGED FOR ATTEMPTED CARJACKING SPREE THAT LED TO NYPD
FRIENDLY FIRE INCIDENT**

Defendant Kevin Dubuisson Allegedly Attempted to Steal Car at a Gas Station, Threatened to Kill a Pedestrian, Attacked Parked Driver and Rammed a Stolen Vehicle Into Another Car as Two Women – One Aged 87 – Tried to Exit; Faces Up to 32 years in Prison

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Kevin Dubuisson was arraigned on charges of robbery, assault, grand larceny, menacing and other crimes for an attempted carjacking spree that led to an NYPD detective being shot on Friday morning in Whitestone.

District Attorney Katz said: “As per the complaint, this defendant brought chaos to a quiet Queens neighborhood on Friday morning when he attempted to carjack multiple people and assaulted a livery driver – events that directly led to a responding New York City Police Detective being shot in a friendly fire incident. Make no mistake, this defendant’s alleged actions set into motion the events that led to Detective Corey Fisher’s hospitalization. I wish Detective Fisher well as he recuperates from his injuries. The defendant is now facing serious charges of robbery, assault on a police officer and other crimes, and my office will aggressively prosecute this case.”

Dubuisson, 28, of Brooklyn, was arraigned on a criminal complaint charging him with two counts of assault in the first degree, three counts of robbery in the first degree, assault on a peace or police officer, three counts of robbery in the second degree, attempted robbery in the second degree, two counts of assault in the second degree, grand larceny in the third degree, attempted grand larceny in the third degree, grand larceny in the fourth degree, attempted grand larceny in the fourth degree and two counts of menacing. Judge Joanne B. Watters remanded the defendant and ordered him to return to court on August 27. If convicted, Dubuisson faces up to 32 years in prison.

DA Katz said that, according to the charges, at approximately 8:40 a.m. on August 22, the defendant allegedly walked into the parking lot of a Mobil Gas Station on Parsons Boulevard in Whitestone and entered the driver’s seat of a white Hyundai Santa Fe, which had its engine running and keys in the vehicle. An employee of the gas station walked toward the vehicle and ordered Dubuisson to get out of the Hyundai. The defendant refused and a physical altercation ensued as the employee attempted to remove the keys from the vehicle.

Dubuisson then left the vehicle and the property and yelled at the employee. According to video surveillance, the defendant allegedly raised his waistband and simulated grabbing what appeared to be a firearm.

A second victim observed Dubuisson at the gas station from across the street. The defendant then approached the woman, threatened to kill her and put a fist in his waistband appearing to grip the handle of a firearm.

At approximately 8:50 a.m., at the intersection of 22nd Road and Whitestone Expressway Service Road, Dubuisson approached a man seated in a black Toyota Highlander and knocked on the window. The defendant allegedly told the driver to “give me the car” while holding what appeared to be a metal hook near the victim’s head. The man exited the vehicle, with his key fob in his pocket, and ran away from Dubuisson.

After running several blocks, the defendant caught up to the victim, pushed the man from behind and demanded that the man give him the keys to the Toyota. The victim threw the keys and observed Dubuisson pick up the keys and run in the direction of the vehicle.

At approximately 8:52 a.m. a woman was helping her 87-year-old mother get out of her vehicle, when the Toyota – now operated by the defendant – backed into her vehicle at a high rate of speed and caused the woman’s vehicle to strike both her and her elderly mother and knock them to the ground. The woman suffered a fractured wrist and other injuries and was treated at a local hospital.

At approximately the same time, Detective Corey Fisher – who was on duty but not in police uniform – observed Dubuisson running with what appeared to be a crowbar and observed the Toyota operator on the side of the road and stopped to ask if the man needed help. Detective Fisher pursued the defendant and observed the defendant get into the Toyota and slam into the woman’s vehicle. The detective observed Dubuisson attempt to leave the area and placed his vehicle – a Chrysler Pacifica, with its police lights activated – in front of the Toyota. The defendant drove the Toyota into the side of the Chrysler, which caused the Toyota to stop.

The detective and his partner exited the unmarked police vehicle with their guns drawn and told the defendant to “stop the vehicle.”

Uniformed police officers arrived at the scene at that time and approached the Toyota with their guns drawn. Detective Fisher then heard several gun shots from the vicinity of several of the uniformed officers and was struck in his right hand and left leg. He was taken to a local hospital and treated for two gunshot wounds and a broken leg.

Assistant District Attorney Erin Mullins of the District Attorney’s Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau is prosecuting the case, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Michael Whitney, Bureau Chief, Roni C. Piplani and Timothy Regan, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Shawn Clark.

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

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