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**Queens Man Indicted For Two Carjackings, Shooting and Assault**  
*Defendant Allegedly Stole Vehicles, Shot At One Driver And Struck A Pedestrian*

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a 29-year-old Queens man has been indicted on multiple counts of first-degree robbery, assault and other crimes in connection with a crime spree he allegedly committed in Brooklyn last month.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This defendant has been indicted for blazing a path of violence and destruction through the streets of Brooklyn and shooting at and carjacking innocent people along the way. We will now convict and put him in prison, where he belongs for many years."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Clinton Lawson, 29, of 117-49 141<sup>st</sup> Street, Jamaica, Queens. He was arraigned this morning before Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Joseph Gubbay on a 29-count indictment in which he is charged with multiple counts of first- and second-degree robbery, first- and second-degree assault, second-degree attempted murder, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, first-degree reckless endangerment, second-degree burglary, first-degree criminal use of a firearm, fourth-degree criminal mischief and reckless driving. He was ordered held on bail of \$500,000 bond or \$250,000 cash and to return to court on November 17, 2014. He faces more than 25 years in prison if convicted.

The District Attorney said that, according to the investigation, on July 19, 2014, at approximately 5:20 p.m., in the vicinity of Eastern Parkway and Utica Avenue, in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, a 65-year-old man was driving a 2010 Toyota Corolla when the defendant allegedly approached the driver's side window, threatened to shoot the driver, ordered him out of the car, struck him in the face with the gun and then drove off in the vehicle.

The District Attorney further said that, according to the investigation, shortly thereafter, the defendant was allegedly seen driving recklessly and striking a 75-year-old pedestrian with the Corolla and then fleeing, but not before pointing his weapon at a witness to the incident, and discharging it in his direction.

It is further alleged that the defendant then approached the driver's side window of a Nissan Xterra and, at gunpoint, ordered that driver out of the vehicle, and then drove off in the Nissan. The defendant then allegedly broke into an apartment on Sterling Place. He fled after being confronted by the tenants, and was arrested outside the apartment.

The case was investigated by officers assigned to the New York City Police Department's 77<sup>th</sup> precinct.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kori Medow, of the District Attorney's Orange Zone Bureau, under the supervision of Thomas Ridges, Chief of the Orange Zone Bureau.

**An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.**

