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**Brooklyn Man Sentenced to Eight Years in Prison for Assaulting  
Police Officers in Street Encounter**

*Defendant Punched Two Officers and Struck One of Them with a Padlock*

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a 34-year-old Brooklyn man has been sentenced to eight years in prison following his conviction earlier this month on two counts of second-degree assault stemming from his attack on two on-duty officers.

District Attorney Thompson said, “Today’s sentence sends a message that attacks on our police officers who put their lives on the line to keep us all safe will simply not be tolerated. This case is also a reminder that ordinary street encounters can take a turn for the worse within seconds.”

The defendant, Jonathan Truluck, 34, of 568 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, was sentenced today by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Vincent DelGiudice to three years in prison for assaulting Officer Shanell Parker and five years in prison for assaulting Officer Michael Sommer. The judge ordered the sentences to run consecutive. He also ordered the defendant to serve three years’ post-release supervision.

District Attorney Thompson said the conviction stemmed from an incident on June 21, 2012, on Marcy Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, when Police Officers Shanell Parker and Michael Sommer approached Truluck and his brother, who were sitting outside a high-crime, drug-prone location.

The men began cursing at the officers, according to trial testimony, and when the officers told them to move on they started screaming and drew a crowd. When Officer Parker called for backup, Truluck punched her in the face and a brawl ensued between the officers and the men,

during which time Truluck punched Officer Sommer in the face and whipped Sommer with a belt that had a metal padlock attached to it.

Officer Parker sustained swelling to her face and a fractured pinky finger. Officer Sommer needed four staples to close the laceration on his head. Truluck's ankle was broken by a responding officer's baton during the struggle.

During the trial, prosecutors played a recorded phone call from Rikers Island in which Truluck bragged about "whaling on" and "whipping" the officers, and that one officer's blood had been on him.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Paul W. Vitale of the District Attorney's Blue Zone Trial Bureau, under the supervision of Paul F. Burns, Bureau Chief.

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