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UNCLE CHARGED IN SHOOTING DEATH OF NEPHEW
Defendant Faces Up to 25 Years-to-Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Durran Morgan was charged with murder in the shooting death of his 25-year-old nephew after a minor family dispute in St. Albans during Memorial Day weekend. Morgan is also charged with shooting and injuring a young woman during the incident.

District Attorney Katz said: "Time and again we are seeing petty disputes escalate to the use of deadly force. We need to continue doing everything we can to get illegal guns off our streets to stop the senseless killings."

Morgan, 38, of Pineville Lane, St. Albans, was arraigned today on a complaint charging him with murder in the second degree, attempted murder in the second degree, assault in the first degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. Queens Criminal Court Judge Scott Dunn ordered Morgan to return to court on June 12. He faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted.

According to the complaint, on May 27, at approximately 9:30 p.m., at 188-10 Pineville Lane, Morgan shot his 25-year-old nephew, Chevaughn Millings, multiple times in the chest and legs. Morgan also shot a 20-year-old woman who was standing near Millings. She was struck multiple times in the lower body.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Brian Heerey, of the New York Police Department's 113 Precinct and Det. Kevin Granger, of the Queens Homicide Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Courtney Charles and Kenneth Koo of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau are 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 Shawn Clark.

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