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### **NEW YORK STATE STATISTICS:** **STATEN ISLAND D.A.'S OFFICE STILL #1**

***\*\*\*D.A. Donovan Announces 92.6% Felony Conviction Rate in 2007,  
Staten Island DA's Office has Led City for 14 Straight Quarters\*\*\****

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. today announced that, according to newly released statistics, his office is again leading the entire City of New York with the highest conviction rate for Felony Indictments in the first two quarters of 2007. The Staten Island D.A.'s office has now led the City of New York in felony conviction rate for each of the three and a half years of District Attorney Donovan's Administration.

"I am pleased to again announce to the people of this community that their District Attorney's office has again lead the entire City of New York in obtaining convictions in indicted felony cases," stated the District Attorney. "This is a true demonstration of the tough policies we've introduced as well as outstanding work performed by my Assistant District Attorneys is assembling the strongest possible cases."

According to statistics provided by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the Richmond County District Attorney's office led the entire City of New York, including the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, with a 92.6% conviction rate for indicted felony cases disposed of in the first two quarters of 2007. Out of 296 cases disposed of in 2007, 274 resulted in a conviction, via a guilty plea or conviction at trial. This was significantly ahead of the citywide rate of 88.1%.

Prior to District Attorney Donovan's assuming office, in calendar year 2003, the Richmond County District Attorney's conviction rate ranked fourth in the city. For calendar year 2002, the District Attorney's office ranked fifth in the city. In 2001, the Island DA's office had the worst conviction rate for indicted cases in the city.

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**Richmond County District Attorney's Rank in Modified Felony Conviction Rate,  
2001-2007**

CALENDAR YEAR	RANK (out of 6)	Conviction Rate (as a %)
<b>2007</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>92.6%</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>94.9%</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>94.0%</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>FOURTH</b>	<b>90.1%</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>FIFTH</b>	<b>86.2%</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>SIXTH</b>	<b>87.4%</b>

Source: DCJS Data as of Q1 & Q2 of 2007

**(Years in Red Indicate Donovan Administration)**

**MODIFIED CONVICTION RATES FOR FELONY INDICTMENTS  
January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007**

		CONVICTED	NOT CONVICTED	TOTAL DISPOSED
BRONX	Number	2399	317	2716
	Percent	88.3%	11.7%	100.0%
KINGS	Number	2394	401	2795
	Percent	85.7%	14.3%	100.0%
NEW YORK	Number	2712	304	3016
	Percent	89.9%	10.1%	100.0%
QUEENS	Number	2177	204	2381
	Percent	91.4%	8.6%	100.0%
<b>RICHMOND</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>296</b>
	<b>Percent</b>	<b>92.6%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
SPECIAL NARCOTICS	Number	931	220	1151
	Percent	80.9%	19.1%	100.0%
NEW YORK CITY	Number	10887	1468	12355
	Percent	88.1%	11.9%	100.0%

*Source: DCJS, ISS (09/2007)*

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