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### **D.A. Donovan: INDICTMENT FILED RELATED TO JULY 4th RIOT ON FILLMORE PL.**

***\*\*\*Felony Charges Filed Against 3 Individuals for Fireworks Related Melee  
Which Injured NYPD Officers, 16 Others Face Misdemeanor Charges\*\*\****

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. today announced that his office has filed felony indictments against three individuals for an incident on July 4, 2007 which left several members of the NYPD injured following a fireworks related riot on Fillmore Place in the Arrochar section of the borough. In the incident, police repeatedly responded to the location for illegal fireworks use and ultimately a total of 20 individuals were arrested.

“On the day we celebrated our birthday as a nation these individuals are alleged to have demonstrated verbal and physical contempt for the systems of law and justice that are the bedrock of this county,” stated District Attorney Donovan. “My office has a zero tolerance policy for those who assault public servants in the conduct of their duties, and we will aggressively prosecute this case in line with that policy.”

Named in the indictment are: Gabriel Scianna, Sr. (3/9/1957), Christine Scianna (2/19/1961) and Salvatore Marotta (12/10/1982), all of 23 Fillmore Place. All three defendants are charged with Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, a class D felony, Riot in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, a Class E felony, four misdemeanor counts of Unlawfully Dealing with Fireworks and an additional misdemeanor count of Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Christine Scianna has additionally been charged with two misdemeanor counts of Resisting Arrest, while Gabriel Scianna, Sr. faces one misdemeanor count of Resisting Arrest. Both Mr. and Mr. Scianna have been charged with the misdemeanor of Unlawfully Dealing with a Child in the First Degree for providing alcohol to minors. The top count of the indictment, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, carries a top penalty of up to 7 years in prison.

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Of the 17 remaining defendants, one defendant's case resulted in a no-true bill being returned by the grand jury while the remaining defendants' cases were returned to Criminal Court to face misdemeanor charges.

All three defendants are scheduled to be arraigned in State Supreme Court, St. George, on Wednesday October 10, 2007 before Justice Leonard P. Rienzi. The defendants are being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Paul A. Capofari, Chief of the Supreme Court Bureau. Mr. and Mrs. Scianna are represented by John Moringolo, Esq., and Mr. Marrotta is represented by Alexis Barravecchia, Esq.

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