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### **D.A. DONOVAN: TWO ARRESTED IN APRIL SHOOTING DEATH OF S.I. JEWELER**

***\*\*\*Charles Santiago & Joseph Gencarelli, both 25, Face Murder & Related Charges in  
Death of Louis Antonelli, 43\*\*\****

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. today announced the arrest of Joseph Gencarelli (DOB: 7/1/1982) of Hamden Avenue, and Charles Santiago (DOB: 2/13/1983) of North Railroad Avenue on charges of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder and other charges related to the shooting of Louis Antonelli, 43, outside a restaurant at the intersection of Broadway and Castleton Avenue. Mr. Antonelli died of his injuries on May, 12, 2008.

Joseph Gencarelli was arraigned Saturday and ordered remanded by Judge Desmond Green in Staten Island Criminal Court. Mr. Gencarelli, an employee of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, was initially arrested by investigators from the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), following an investigation into allegations that he submitted a forged doctor's note to his employer in order to fraudulently obtain sick leave. Further investigation uncovered Mr. Gencarelli's role in the shooting of Mr. Antonelli. At arraignment he was ordered to return to court on June 11, 2008. Charles Santiago was arrested Saturday evening and will be arraigned today before Judge Green.

District Attorney Donovan stated, "I am grateful for the hard work of the investigators of the DOI and NYPD, who along with my prosecutors, worked tirelessly to bring these defendants to justice. At this time, my office is seeking additional persons who may have had involvement in what appears to be an attempt at robbery that resulted in the fatal shooting of Louis Antonelli."

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "DOI investigators assisted NYPD detectives and Staten Island prosecutors, working round the clock last week to help crack this homicide investigation. DOI is pleased to have joined with its law enforcement partners on this investigation."

Both defendants face a top penalty of 25 years to life in prison if convicted of the top charge, Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

The case against Joseph Gencarelli and Charles Santiago is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Paul A.

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Capofari, Bureau Chief, and Assistant District Attorney Joe Gim, of the Supreme Court Bureau. Joseph Gencarelli is represented by Leo Duval, Esq. and Charles Santiago's counsel will be appointed prior to his arraignment.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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## **Charges Against Charles Santiago & Joseph Gencarelli**

### **Charles Santiago**

In regards to shooting:

- Murder/2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Class A felony
- Attempted Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Class C felony
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Class C felony

### **Joseph Gencarelli**

In regards to shooting:

- Murder/2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Class A felony
- Attempted Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Class C felony
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Class C felony

In regards to DOI investigation:

- Forgery/2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Class D felony
- Criminal Possession of a False Instrument/2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Class D felony
- Offering a False Instrument/1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Class E felony
- Official Misconduct, Class A misdemeanor