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DA McMahon: Staten Island man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Double Murder

*** Tyrell Brown murdered two people during violent two-day crime spree ***

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that TYRELL BROWN was sentenced to two consecutive terms of life in prison without the possibility of parole after previously being convicted of both Murder in the First and Second Degree for killing Devon Powell and of Murder in the First and Second Degree for killing Kuwan Collins. Additionally, he was also sentenced to 25 years in prison after previously being convicted of Robbery in the First Degree for stealing a 2006 Hummer.

BROWN, 27, was sentenced on Monday in Richmond County State Supreme Court before Justice William E. Garnett. BROWN had previously been found guilty of the top counts against him following a two and a half week long jury trial. BROWN was previously convicted of five felonies prior to turning the age of 21.

“The people of Staten Island can breathe a sigh of relief knowing that their community is now a safer place with this defendant behind bars for life,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “Mr. Brown’s flagrant disregard for human life resulted in the death of two people, while his brazen actions over the course of a two-day crime spree put the lives of the public as well as Tri-borough Bridge and Tunnel Officers in danger. I want to thank Assistant District Attorneys Adam Silberlight and Nina Spadafora for their diligence in prosecuting this case and ensuring that Mr. Brown received the appropriate life sentence for the heinous crimes he committed.”

According to the indictment and documents filed in court, on July 6, 2014, at about 4:53 a.m., at 86 Arlington Place, defendant BROWN shot, killed and robbed Devon Powell, 23. At about 5:08 a.m., at 367 Britton Avenue, BROWN shot, killed and attempted to rob Kuwan Collins, 40. BROWN then robbed an individual at gunpoint at about 6:10 a.m. at 55 Holland Avenue, taking his Hummer vehicle and other property from that victim.

On July 7, 2014, at about 1:18 a.m., BROWN drove the stolen Hummer across the Verrazano Bridge from Brooklyn and stopped at the toll Plaza on the Staten Island side of the bridge. BROWN drove through a barrier in a closed toll lane and endangered the lives of several Tri-borough Bridge and Tunnel Officers and forced them to discharge their weapons. BROWN then recklessly drove the stolen Hummer at a high rate

of speed from the toll plaza along a service road, struck another moving vehicle, crashed the Hummer and fled on foot from the scene of the accident.

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The case was prosecuted by Deputy Bureau Chief Adam Silberlight and ADA Nina Spadafora of the Trials Bureau.

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Defendant Information:

Tyrell Brown

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