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D.A. McMahon: Second Man Convicted in Robbery of a Priest outside of a Staten Island Church

***Antwyne Lucas and his co-defendant violently robbed a priest at gunpoint,
leaving him badly injured and unconscious outside of his church***

Staten Island, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that ANTWYNE LUCAS has been found guilty of Robbery in the First Degree, the top charge against him, for robbing a priest at gunpoint outside of his church.

LUCAS was found guilty today following a week-long jury trial in Richmond County state Supreme Court, St. George, before Justice Mario F. Mattei. His co-defendant KERRY PACK previously pleaded guilty to Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree and he was sentenced to 12 years to life in prison. LUCAS faces up to 25 years in prison when he sentenced on October 12.

“This defendant and his accomplice violently robbed a priest, leaving him badly injured and unconscious on the street outside of his own church,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “Both men have now been convicted and will suffer the consequences of their depraved actions. Those who do harm to the dedicated and passionate members of our community will be prosecuted and sent to prison so that Staten Island remains safe for all who call it home. I would like to thank ADAs Michael Tannousis and Adam Silberlight for prosecuting this case and ensuring that justice is served on behalf of the victim, and also commend Detective Alberto Morales of the NYPD Robbery Squad for his tireless efforts investigating this case.”

On June 2, 2016, at approximately 5:30 a.m., in front of 1265 Castleton Avenue, LUCAS and PACK approached the victim as he exited his car in front of St. Mary of the Assumption-Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Benedicta Church. The defendants displayed a firearm, pointed it at his side and demanded money. The victim handed over his cell phone, his wallet and his car keys. LUCAS and PACK then punched the victim and he fell to the ground. The victim was knocked unconscious and sustained bruising and swelling to his eye. The defendants then went to the victim’s car and drove off, abandoning the vehicle a few blocks away and going inside a vacant house. They also discarded much of the victim’s stolen property along a path nearby the incident. Detectives reviewed videos from various locations which showed the path that both defendants took after the robbery. This led them to the abandoned home. Officers entered this location

and arrested the defendants and a woman who were inside for trespass, eventually charging LUCAS and PACK in connection with the robbery.

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This case was prosecuted by ADAs Michael Tannousis and Adam Silberlight, Deputy Chief of the Trials Bureau.

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Defendant Information:

Antwyne Lucas

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