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**Statement of Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson
Regarding Latest Findings of Conviction Review Unit**

DA Moves To Vacate Murder Conviction of Defendant Imprisoned Since 1997

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that he has moved to vacate murder charges against Roger Logan, convicted in the 1997 shooting death of Sherwin Gibbons. The decision follows a thorough review of the case by the District Attorney's Conviction Review Unit.

"In the interest of justice, I have asked the Court to vacate the murder conviction of Roger Logan. After a thorough review of the case by my Conviction Review Unit and the Independent Review Panel, I have concluded that Mr. Logan's conviction should not stand. I am also pleased that Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Matthew D'Emic has agreed with my recommendation and that Roger Logan was released today after serving 17 years of a sentence of 25 years to life."

Roger Logan, 53, was charged with second-degree murder for the July 24, 1997, shooting death of Sherwin Gibbons, allegedly in the aftermath of an argument during a dice game. He was incarcerated following his arrest and throughout his trial, before being sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

To date, the work of the Conviction Review Unit, headed by Harvard Law Professor Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., has resulted in seven convictions being vacated. In addition, the CRU has found that of the cases reviewed thus far, 11 convictions are just and will not be recommended to be vacated.