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**BROOKLYN MAN CONVICTED OF BRUTALLY
ATTACKING PREGNANT EX-GIRLFRIEND**

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that a jury convicted a defendant – Torey Branch – of first-degree abortion, first-degree burglary and third-degree assault for brutally attacking his pregnant ex-girlfriend, which resulted in the death of her unborn child. Branch and the victim had a nine-year relationship, and Branch did not want the child and became angry at the victim's decision to have the baby. During the vicious attack, Branch and another man wore masks and choked and punched the victim about the head and body and repeatedly hit her in the stomach, causing her unborn child to die in utero. He now faces up to 33 years in prison.

District Attorney Thompson said, "After researching online whether punching a pregnant woman in the stomach can cause a miscarriage, this defendant ambushed and repeatedly punched his pregnant ex-girlfriend in her stomach so savagely that she became unconscious, needed two blood transfusions and eventually lost her baby. We will now seek the maximum sentence that this coward truly deserves."