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COMMUNITY PARTNER IN JUSTICE NOTIFICATION

CROWN HEIGHTS MAN SENTENCED UP TO 32 YEARS FOR BRUTAL ATTACK OF PREGNANT EX-GIRLFRIEND, CAUSING DEATH OF UNBORN CHILD

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson announced today that Torey Branch has been sentenced up to 32 years in prison for savagely attacking his exgirlfriend in March 2014 and causing the death of their unborn baby. The victim, who was seven months pregnant, was ambushed in her home and brutally beaten by Branch and another man, who were wearing masks during the assault. She was also choked and repeatedly punched in the stomach, which caused her to become unconscious and require two blood transfusions. A jury convicted Branch of abortion, assault and burglary at trial last month.

District Attorney Thompson said, "Torey Branch deserves to spend every day of his sentence locked away in a prison cell for his cowardly, brutal and simply inhumane attack on a pregnant woman that caused the victim to suffer horrific injuries, left her unconscious and needing two blood transfusions—all because he did not want her to have their baby."