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### ***COMMUNITY PARTNER IN JUSTICE NOTIFICATION***

#### **Police Officer Convicted of Assault for Stomping on Suspect's Head**

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson announced today that a New York City Police Officer, who was assigned to the 81<sup>st</sup> precinct, has been convicted of misdemeanor assault for stomping on the head of a suspect while he was face down on the ground.

In the early evening of July 23, 2014 the defendant, Joel Edouard, and his partner observed the victim drinking on the sidewalk and possessing what appeared to be marijuana. The victim resisted arrest and tussled with the officers.

As additional officers arrived at the scene, a witness captured a cell phone video of the victim on the ground, face down and being subdued by several officers. Also depicted on the video is Officer Edouard briefly pointing his gun at the victim, walking away from the scene of arrest and then walking back and stomping on the victim's head. The victim's head then hit the concrete, causing him to suffer a contusion and later dizziness, headaches and nausea.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This police officer, in broad daylight and in front of a crowd of people, stomped on the head of a suspect while he lay on the ground, subdued and surrounded by other officers. That's why he was indicted, put on trial and convicted. His conduct was simply outrageous."