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NYPD DEPUTY INSPECTOR INDICTED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE
Keith Walton Allegedly Abused Police Officer Under His Command in 49th Precinct

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that NYPD Deputy Inspector Keith Walton has been indicted on first-degree Sexual Abuse and other charges for grabbing the private area of a police officer and making her do the same to him inside the 49th Precinct stationhouse, where he served as commanding officer.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly sexually abused an officer who was under his command, in the police stationhouse where they serve and protect the public. By his degrading behavior, he abused the trust of his officers, as well as that of the residents of the 49th Precinct in the Bronx."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Keith Walton, 44, was indicted on three counts of first-degree Sexual Abuse, Official Misconduct, two counts of Forcible Touching, three counts of third-degree Sexual Abuse, and second-degree Harassment. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett and released. He is due back in court on February 7th. If convicted of the top charge, he faces up to 2 to 7 years in prison.

According to the investigation, on November 6, 2016 at 1:15 p.m., Walton allegedly called the officer into his office in the 49th Precinct stationhouse at 2121 Eastchester Road and sexually abused her. Walton also allegedly threatened the officer.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Meagan Powers and Brian Connor of the Public Integrity Bureau, under the supervision of Omer Wiczkyk, Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau, under the overall supervision of Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and the NYPD Internal Affairs Bureau for their assistance.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.