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**MANHATTAN MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF FELLOW  
INMATE IN RIKERS ISLAND  
Defendant Slashed Victim's Throat, Inflicting Near-Fatal Injury**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan man has been charged with Attempted Murder and other crimes for slashing the throat of a fellow Rikers Island inmate, causing a life-threatening injury.

District Attorney Clark said "The defendant allegedly slashed the inmate's throat, inflicting a wound that nearly caused the victim's death. We will prosecute such vicious attacks to the fullest extent to eradicate inmate-on-inmate violence, and all violence, in Rikers Island jails."

District Attorney Clark said that the defendant, Shawn Young, 32, of 2363 Seventh Ave., Manhattan, has been charged with second-degree Attempted Murder, first- and third-degree Assault, three counts of second-degree Assault, first- and second-degree Promoting Prison Contraband and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. He was arraigned today before Deputy Administrative Bronx Supreme Court Justice Eugene Oliver, who set bail at \$50,000. Young is due back in court on March 27, 2017 and faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted of the top charge.

According to the investigation, on September 9, 2016, Young was involved in an altercation with another inmate in an intake cell at the Anna M. Kross Center, and slashed the inmate's throat with a sharp metal object. He required surgery at Bellevue Hospital.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Sonya Tennell, Supervisor of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and Deanna G. Logan, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the overall supervision of Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

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