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NYPD OFFICER CHARGED WITH DRIVING PATROL CAR WHILE INTOXICATED ON DUTY

Defendant Responded to Radio Call While Allegedly Under the Influence

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that an NYPD police officer has been indicted for Official Misconduct and driving while intoxicated while he was on duty and responding to a police call in the 52nd Precinct.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant was allegedly intoxicated while driving a patrol car to and from the scene of a complaint. Such irresponsible behavior is dangerous to the community he swore to protect, and will not be tolerated."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Richard Evans, 44, a police officer for 15 years, was indicted on Official Misconduct and four counts of Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett and released. He is due back in court on March 7, 2017. Evans faces up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine if convicted on the top charge.

According to the investigation, on December 8, 2016, during his midnight shift, Evans and his partner responded to a noise complaint on Webster Avenue near East 203rd Street. An individual at the scene called 911 to report that Evans appeared to be drunk, and Evans was observed slurring his words on video taken by another civilian at the scene. He drove back to the stationhouse, where two NYPD Sergeants and a Captain found him unfit to perform his duties.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Stephen Knoepfler and Brian Connor of the Public Integrity Bureau, under the supervision of Omer Wiczyk, 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.

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