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BAHSID MCLEAN INDICTED FOR ASSAULTING CORRECTION OFFICER AFTER HIS CONVICTION FOR MURDERING, DISMEMBERING MOTHER Defendant Slashed CO at Rikers While Waiting to Be Sent to Prison for Over 25 Years

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that Bahsid McLean has been indicted on Attempted Assault for stabbing a NYC Department of Correction officer at Rikers Island, where McLean was waiting to be sent to state prison for killing his mother and severing her head.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant continued his vicious ways behind bars, assaulting a Correction Officer. If he is convicted of this brutal crime, we will ask that he serve the maximum 15 years, to run consecutively to his 25 years-to-life sentence for murdering his mother."

District Attorney Clark said McLean, 26, was arraigned yesterday before Bronx Supreme Court Justice William Mogulescu and is due back in court on July 10, 2017. McLean was indicted on Attempted Assault in the first degree and related charges. If convicted on the top charge, McLean could face up to 15 years in prison. He also has a pending assault case involving the slashing of an inmate at Rikers.

According to the investigation, the incident occurred in the West Facility of Rikers Island on December 14, 2016, when McLean used a small weapon to stab Correction Officer Matthew Hines near the eye. Hines sustained a laceration near the eye, briefly lost consciousness and sustained other injuries in the ensuing assault, including a fractured nose.

At the time, McLean was being held at Rikers after being convicted on November 4, 2016, of fatally stabbing his mother, Tanya Bird, on February 25, 2013 and dissecting her body. McLean took "selfie" photos with the victim's severed head. He was sentenced on that case on December 5, 2016, to 25 years to life in prison for the murder and one and one-third years for the dissection to run consecutively.

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