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## **RIKERS ISLAND INMATE CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED FORCIBLE TOUCHING OF FEMALE CORRECTION OFFICER**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been convicted of Attempted Forcible Touching of a female correction officer.

District Attorney Clark said, "The sexual degradation of a correction officer doing her job is disgusting and unacceptable. We will seek justice for any crimes committed on Rikers Island, and I hope this conviction reinforces our message that we will hold offenders accountable."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Chavarr Gilliam, 26, was convicted on June 21, 2017 after a bench trial before Criminal Court Judge Bahaati Pitt of Attempted Forcible Touching and second-degree Harassment. He faces up to three months in jail when he is sentenced on July 12, 2017. The defendant is serving 18 years in prison for a robbery conviction and was being held at Rikers Island on a pending Manhattan case.

According to the investigation, on February 7, 2017, in the George R. Vierno Center, Gilliam passed a female correction officer and proceeded to touch her buttocks in front of several other inmates.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jared Rosen, and Sheryl Konigsberg, Supervisor in the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, Donald Hanratty, 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.

District Attorney Clark thanked Department of Correction Investigator Phil Lee, DOC liaison Scott Frank and former Assistant District Attorney Travis Long.