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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE SENTENCED TO 1 ½ - 3 YEARS  
IN PRISON FOR ASSAULTING DOC CAPTAIN  
Defendant's Sentence Is Consecutive to Six-Year Term for Underlying Case**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been sentenced to one-and-a-half to three years in prison for punching a New York City Department of Correction Captain, causing her to lose consciousness.

District Attorney Clark said, "This was a senseless act and the defendant will now serve additional time behind bars. Consecutive sentences such as this one are needed to change the violent trajectory of Rikers Island, and remind inmates that they will not get away with brutality against staff."

Acting DOC Commissioner Cynthia Brann said, "Today's consecutive sentence sends a clear message – assaults on our staff will be punished to the full extent of the law. The hardworking men and women of DOC play a vital role in our city's justice system and attacks against them will not be tolerated. We commend the Bronx District Attorney's office for its work on this case"

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Andrew Gibbs, 37, of Staten Island, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice George R. Villegas to one-and-a-half to three years in prison for second-degree Attempted Assault. He pleaded guilty on February 1, 2017. The sentence will run consecutive to a six-year sentence the defendant is serving for a gun possession conviction in Staten Island.

According to the investigation, on December 26, 2016, in the Otis Bantum Correctional Center on Rikers Island, Gibbs swung at a DOC officer when he was instructed to return to his place in the meal line. He missed the intended officer and instead struck Captain Sharon Bolton, causing her to fall to the floor, lose consciousness and sustain swelling to the head as well as a bloody nose.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Vallely of 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, and 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 Correction Intelligence Bureau Investigator Daniel Monaco for his assistance as well as Department of Correction liaison Scott Frank.