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**FEMALE INMATE INDICTED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF FELLOW INMATES  
ON RIKERS ISLAND; CHARGED WITH 136 COUNTS**  
**Defendant Allegedly “Raped” Two Women**  
**Could Face 50 Years In Prison If Convicted Of Top Counts**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a female inmate on Rikers Island has been indicted for first-degree Aggravated Sexual Abuse and a host of other charges for attacks on three fellow inmates. Many of the sexual abuse incidents were captured on video.

District Attorney Clark said, “This case is horrific for many reasons: the defendant allegedly sexually brutalized an inmate in view of a surveillance camera, she was able to enter a locked area to savagely beat another inmate, and the defendant allegedly caused an inmate to break a wrist to stop her from reporting the abuse. Fortunately, the witness was not intimidated and informed my office.

“No matter why these women are in jail, they cannot and must not be treated as less than human.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Alexandria James, 23, was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas and bail was set at \$50,000. She is due back in court on January 10, 2017. She was indicted on two counts of first-degree Aggravated Sexual Abuse, three counts of third-degree Aggravated Sexual Abuse, 20 counts of first-degree Sexual Abuse, 28 counts of Forcible Touching, 28 counts of third-degree Sexual Abuse, three counts of Attempted Assault second-degree, two counts of second-degree Assault, two counts of third-degree Assault; two counts of third-degree Intimidating a Victim or Witness, three counts of first-degree Stalking, two counts of third-degree Stalking, second-degree Menacing, 14 counts of third-degree Menacing, three counts of first-degree Harassment and 23 counts of second-degree Harassment. If convicted of the top counts, she could face 50 years in prison.

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According to the investigation, between October 10, 2016 and April 16, 2017, the defendant, while housed in the Rose M. Singer Center, sexually abused two women on numerous occasions. On April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, while the defendant was housed in a segregated cell with another inmate, the defendant allegedly subjected the inmate to two days of assaults, culminating in penetrating her while wearing a makeshift phallic device. The cell was under video observation and all the incidents were recorded.

According to the investigation, the defendant attacked another inmate on several occasions in October and November, 2016 including one in which she beat the inmate and tore hair out of her head after gaining access to a locked area where the inmate was working, and another in a shower area where she penetrated the inmate while wearing the phallic device.

The defendant is also charged with assaulting an inmate whom the defendant believed had told jail officials about the sexual abuse. On November 25, 2016, the defendant pushed the inmate and she fell and broke her wrist. That inmate sent a letter to the Bronx District Attorney's Office in February, 2017, and the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau began an investigation in April, 2017.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sarah Clements of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau under the supervision of Sheryl Konigsberg, Supervisor, and Deanna 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 Department of Correction Investigation Division Investigator Ingris Martinez, Investigators Scott Frank and Daniel Monaco of the DOC Correction Intelligence Bureau, and Bronx DA Detective Investigators Timothy Gernon and Monisara Brahm for their assistance in this case.

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