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**FORMER RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR ATTACKING
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICER
Defendant Head-Butted CO, Causing Him To Fall Off Bus
And Suffer Multiple Fractures to Arm, Cut Over Eye**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan man has been indicted for assaulting a New York City Department of Correction officer on a bus transporting him to a jail on Rikers Island, causing debilitating injuries.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant allegedly head-butted the officer when they were on a bus, causing the officer to fall down the stairs and onto the ground. The officer suffered a cut over his eye requiring sutures, and multiple fractures to his arm. He is still receiving treatment for his eye. The defendant was released from Rikers after serving time for a misdemeanor; now he could face years in prison if convicted for his brutal act."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Yacoub Bamba, 18, of 492 First Avenue, Manhattan, was indicted for Aggravated Assault of a Police or Peace Officer, first-degree Assault, second-degree Assault, two counts of third-degree Assault, Obstructing Governmental Administration and Harassment. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas and bail was set at \$15,000. He is due back in court on October 26, 2017. If convicted of the top charge, he faces five to 25 years in prison.

According to the investigation, on June 9, 2017, the correction officer was transporting inmates back to their housing areas on Rikers Island. The defendant, who was housed in the George Motchan Detention Center, demanded to be let off the bus before it reached his facility and when the officer refused, Bamba pushed the officer and head-butted him. The officer fell down the stairs of the bus and suffered the injuries. He was able to call out to his partner, who saw him bleeding on the ground.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Phylcia D.C. Pearson of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Deanna Logan, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and the overall supervision of Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the



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Investigations Bureau and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Bureau. District Attorney Clark also thanked Assistant District Attorney Sarah Clements of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau and DOC Investigators Philip Lee and Scott Frank of the Correction Intelligence Bureau for their assistance in the case.

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