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**BROOKLYN WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULTING NYC CORRECTION
CAPTAIN IN RIKERS ISLAND; WILL GET TWO YEARS IN PRISON**
Sentence Will Run Consecutive To 4-Year Term for Brooklyn Assault

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Brooklyn woman has pleaded guilty to second-degree Assault for punching and elbowing a New York City Department of Correction captain while she was awaiting trial in Rikers Island. As part of the plea agreement she will be sentenced to two years in prison to run consecutive to a four-year term she is serving for a Brooklyn assault conviction.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant assaulted a Department of Correction captain, and now will serve time in prison in addition to her underlying sentence. We believe consecutive sentences will send a message that violence committed in jail will be treated the same as violence committed on the streets."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Aniah Ferguson, 19, of Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn, pleaded guilty on January 2, 2018 before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ethan Greenberg to second-degree Assault. She will be sentenced to two years in prison on February 18, 2018, to run consecutive to a four-year sentence she received for a Brooklyn assault case.

According to the investigation, on January 18, 2017, Ferguson, who was an inmate in the Rose M. Singer Center on Rikers Island, struck a DOC captain in the face with her elbow and punched the captain in the face and forehead, causing bruises.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Vallely 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 Investigations Division and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark also thanked Correction Intelligence Bureau Investigators Jeffrey Rios and Scott Frank for their assistance in the case.

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