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**FORMER INMATE SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR BRUTAL
SLASHING OF NYC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICER IN 2015
Sentence to Run Consecutive to Nine-Year Term He Is Serving for Weapon Charge**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a former Rikers Island inmate has been sentenced to 11 years in prison in a slashing that left a NYC Department of Correction officer with life-changing injuries.

District Attorney Clark said, "As another inmate held the officer in a chokehold, the defendant sliced him on his face and his arm, requiring 20 stitches on his left cheek and four stitches to his wrist. It was an outrageous display of violence against a correction officer doing his job. Now the defendant will serve 11 years, in addition to nine years he is already serving for a weapon conviction. You will not escape prosecution for violence in our jails even if you have left Rikers Island."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, William Whitfield, (aka Savage Scrilla), 21, a Bloods member, was sentenced to 11 years in prison today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio, to be served consecutive to a nine year sentence for a weapon conviction. Whitfield pleaded guilty to Aggravated Assault of a Police or Peace Officer on March 19, 2018.

According to the investigation, on November 5, 2015, in the George Motchan Detention Center, Correction Officer Ray Calderon was approached from behind by an inmate who put his arms around the officer's neck and squeezed. Whitfield approached with a sharp object. He sliced the left side of the officer's face from his forehead down to his cheek and ear, and sliced him on the right arm.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Vallely of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau and James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Deanna Logan, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and the

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overall supervision of Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked ADA Timothy Collins and Correction Intelligence Bureau Investigators Scott Frank, Anthony Scoma and Captain Vincent Fuca for their assistance.