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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR SLASHING OF NYC DEPARTMENT
OF CORRECTION OFFICER WHO TRIED TO PROTECT HIM**
Defendant Allegedly Cut Officer In Face During Brawl Between Inmates

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted in the slashing of a New York City Department of Correction Officer who was trying to shield him from other inmates during a fight.

District Attorney Clark said, "The inmate allegedly slashed a Correction Officer in the face, an act that was even more senseless because the officer had been trying to protect him during a brawl between inmates. Brutality will not be tolerated in the jails."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Elijah Moody, 23, was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Lester Adler on two counts of Attempted Assault in the first degree, Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police or a Peace Officer, Attempted Assault in the second degree, three counts of second-degree Assault, first and second-degree Promoting Prison contraband, second-degree Obstructing Governmental Administration, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, third-degree Assault, second and third-degree Menacing, and second-degree Harassment. Bail was set at \$25,000 and he is due back in court on September 26, 2018.

According to the investigation, on July 13, 2018 at the Anna M. Kross Center in Rikers Island, the defendant allegedly used a sharp object to slash Department of Correction Officer Samil Acevedo on the left side of his face. The incident happened while a fight broke out among prisoners and the victim was trying to remove Moody from the area for protection.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sarah Clements under the supervision of Carmen Martinez, Supervisor in the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and Deanna Logan, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and the overall supervision of

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

District Attorney Clark thanked the Correction Intelligence Bureau and Investigators Anthony Marano, Epifanio Vasquez, Daniel Monaco and Scott Frank for their assistance in the investigation.

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

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