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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED IN STRANGLING DEATH  
OF ANOTHER INMATE**  
**Defendant Allegedly Put Victim In Chokehold Causing Death**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted for strangling a fellow inmate, causing his death.

District Attorney Clark said, "The victim was seated when the defendant allegedly went up to him and placed his arms around the victim's neck in a chokehold. We must continue to do all we can to stop violence in the jails."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Artemio Rosa, 27, an inmate at Rikers Island, was arraigned today on first-degree Manslaughter, first-degree Strangulation and second-degree Assault before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Julio Rodriguez III. Remand was continued and the defendant is due back in court on October 22, 2018.

According to the investigation, on July 9, 2018 in the Anna M. Kross Center on Rikers Island, the defendant strangled Casey Holloway, the 35-year-old victim. The pressure from the strangulation made it difficult for Holloway to breathe and he collapsed to the ground. He was then pronounced dead.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karl Miller of the Homicide Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Russell of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and Deanna Logan, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial division, and Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division. District Attorney Clark thanked the New York City Department of Correction and the New York Police Department for their assistance in the investigation.

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

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