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**THREE RIKERS ISLAND INMATES INDICTED FOR ASSAULTING
NYC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICER
Defendants Hit Officer; One Then Slashed Him With Sharp Object**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that three Rikers Island inmates have been indicted for assaulting and slashing a New York City Department of Correction officer.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendants allegedly acted together to throw punches at a Department of Correction officer. One of the inmates then used a sharp object to slash the officer behind his ear, and he needed stitches and also underwent surgery for a fractured hand."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Malik Quick, 21, who is serving a sentence in state prison, was arraigned on September 6, 2018 on Attempted Assault in the first-degree, three counts of second-degree Assault, first-degree and second-degree Promoting Prison Contraband, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, third-degree Assault and second-degree Obstructing Governmental Administration before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary. Bail was set at \$1.

Defendant Sylvon James, 19, was arraigned on September 7, 2018 on Attempted Assault in the second and third-degree and second-degree Obstructing Governmental Administration before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary. Bail was set at \$15,000.

The third defendant, Samie Abbas, 18, was arraigned today, September 10, 2018, on Attempted Assault in the second and third-degree and second-degree Obstructing Governmental Administration before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary. Bail was set at \$25,000.

All three defendants are due back on December 5, 2018.

According to the investigation, on August 4, 2018 in the Robert N. Davoren Center, the defendant Malik Quick allegedly began arguing with Department of Correction Officer Joseph Baugh. Quick then began to punch the officer. During the physical altercation between Quick



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and the officer, defendant Sylvon James then approached the officer and punched him from behind. Defendant Samie Abbas then approached the victim and punched him as the physical altercation between the officer and Quick continued. Quick then slashed the officer behind his ear with a sharp object. The altercation ended when another Department of Correction officer came to Officer Baugh's aid.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sarah L. Clements of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau under the supervision of Carmen Martinez, Supervisor of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and Deanna Logan, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Jean Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Assistant District Attorney Tiesha Peal of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau for her assistance. District Attorney Clark also thanked Investigators Juan Rivera and Scott Frank of the Correction Intelligence Bureau for their assistance in the investigation.

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