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**BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR FIRST-DEGREE ASSAULT ON FDNY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN INSIDE AMBULANCE  
EMT Was Bitten; Slammed Against Doorframe, Suffered Nerve Damage**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for first-degree Assault and related charges for allegedly attacking an FDNY Emergency Medical Technician who was transporting him to a hospital in a city ambulance. The assault left the victim with nerve damage to his shoulder.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly attacked the EMT who was trying to administer aid to him. He allegedly bit the victim and then slammed him against the metal doorframe of the ambulance, which caused serious injury to the victim’s shoulder. The EMT is a 20-year-old man just starting his career of helping people in the Bronx. We will not tolerate assaults on our first responders. They face many hazards on the job, but they should never be subjected to violent acts.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Thomas Wright, 32, of the Bronx, was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy on two counts of first-degree Assault, four counts of second-degree Assault, and one count of third-degree Assault. Bail was continued at \$15,001 cash and \$20,001 bond. He is due back in court on December 16, 2019.

According to the investigation, on October 18, 2019 at approximately 9 p.m. as Wright was being transported from E. 149<sup>th</sup> Street in an Emergency Medical Services ambulance, he allegedly caused serious physical injury to FDNY EMT Nicholas Cody, 20. The defendant allegedly bit Cody in the left shoulder, then rushed towards Cody and, using his body, struck Cody in the chest and left shoulder.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Daniella Ciollo of Trial Bureau 40, under the supervision of Catherine Davis, Chief of Trial Bureau 40, and under the



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overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Assistant District Attorney Michael Duffy of Trial Bureau 40 for his assistance. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Police Officer Angie Chavez of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct and the FDNY/EMS for their assistance.

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

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