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RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER IN STRANGLING OF NYC DOC OFFICER Defendant Allegedly Choked Officer with Sweater; Other Inmates Stopped Him

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted for Attempted Murder, Assault, Strangulation and additional charges for attacking a NYC Department of Correction Officer in the jail.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly tried to kill the Officer by strangling her with a sweater and then choking her with his hands. The victim was left with painful injuries to her neck and bruises on her body."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Raphael Davlos, 29, was arraigned today on Attempted Murder in the first and second degree, Attempted Assault in the first degree, Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police or a Peace Officer, three counts of second-degree Assault, second-degree Strangulation, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, third-degree Assault and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant was remanded and he is due back in court on October 2, 2019.

According to the investigation, on June 19, 2019 at the Anna M. Kross Center on Rikers Island, Davlos allegedly choked the victim by wrapping a sweater sleeve around her neck. When the victim struggled to escape she fell to the floor and the defendant put his hands on the Officer's neck and choked her. He then allegedly wrapped the sweater around her neck again and continued to strangle her by pulling it towards him. The Officer was saved by inmates and Officers who went in the room and pulled Davlos off her.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Marta Trojanowska of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Supervisors Jonathan Abramovitz and Sheryl Konigsberg, both of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and Deanna Logan, Chief of



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the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and the overall supervision of Tarek Rahman, 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 Intelligence Bureau and Emergency Service Unit for their assistance in the investigation.

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

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