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## **FORMER RIKERS ISLAND INMATE SENTENCED FOR ASSAULTING NYC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICER WITH WALKING CANE**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced a former Rikers Island inmate has been sentenced to two to four years in prison for beating a New York City Department of Correction Officer with a cane. The sentence will run concurrently with a prison term the defendant is serving.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant used a walking cane to hit a Correction Officer in the face, splitting the inside and outside of the victim’s lip. Attacks against DOC Officers on the job will not be tolerated and this inmate has been held accountable.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Malik Cargill, 26, was sentenced today to two to four years in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice James McCarty. The sentence will run concurrently with a prison term of up to 15 years the defendant is serving for his underlying cases. Cargill pleaded guilty to Attempted Assault in the second degree on September 4, 2019.

According to the investigation, on August 8, 2018 in the Anna M. Kross Center, the defendant was in the facility’s yard and asked the victim, a Department of Correction Officer, if he could go back inside. The DOC Officer refused his request because of security risks. Cargill became angry and hit the Officer in the face with the walking cane the defendant was using. Cargill ran away from the scene. The victim was taken to a local hospital and required stitches for his injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sarah Clements of the Public Integrity Bureau, under the supervision of Omer Wiczyn, Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Tarek Rahman, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Jean Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division. District Attorney Clark thanked her Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, specifically Assistant District Attorney James McPartlon and Trial Preparation Assistant Damian Rowe, for assistance in the investigation. District Attorney Clark also thanked her Detective Investigators Timothy Gernon and Monisara Brahm, as well as Investigators Daniel Monaco and Scott Frank from the Correction Intelligence Bureau.