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## **LAST OF THREE FORMER RIKERS ISLAND INMATES SENTENCED FOR PUNCHING AND SLASHING NYC DOC OFFICER**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a former Rikers Island inmate has been sentenced to one and a half to three years in prison for his role in the attack against a NYC Department of Correction Officer in the jail. He is the last of three defendants to be sentenced.

District Attorney Clark said, "The main defendant, Malik Quick, savagely beat and slashed a DOC Officer inside a Rikers Island facility. The other two defendants took advantage of the violent situation the victim was in and threw punches. The Officer sustained a laceration behind his ear that required five stitches and a fracture to his hand."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Malik Quick, 23, of Brooklyn, was sentenced today to one and a half to three years in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary. The sentence is consecutive to a sentence he is serving for a Brooklyn case. The defendant pleaded guilty to Attempted Assault in the second degree on December 11, 2019.

Two additional former Rikers Island inmates who participated in the attack also pleaded guilty to Attempted Assault in the second degree and were sentenced in 2019. Samie Abbas, 19, was sentenced to one to three years in prison to be served concurrently with a sentence he is serving for a Brooklyn case. Sylvon James, 20, was sentenced to a court-ordered program but after failing it he was sentenced to five years' probation.

According to the investigation, on August 4, 2018 inside the Robert N. Davoren Center, Quick argued with Department of Correction Officer Joseph Baugh. The defendant then punched the Officer about the body multiple times. James and Abbas then punched the Officer as he struggled with Quick. Then Quick slashed the Officer behind the ear with a sharp object. The altercation ended when another DOC Officer responded to help the victim.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sarah Clements of the Public Integrity Bureau, formerly of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Donald Hanratty, Deputy Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and Omer Wiczysk, Chief



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of the Public Integrity Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Tarek Rahman, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Jean Walsh, former Chief of the Investigations Division.

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

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