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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED ON ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR  
BRUTAL ATTACK ON DOC CORRECTION OFFICER  
Defendant Beat Victim, Left Him With Facial Fractures and Skull Fracture**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted on Attempted Murder and additional charges for carrying out an unprovoked, vicious attack against a Department of Correction Officer in the jail.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly beat and stomped a Correction Officer as he lay on the floor. The attack left the victim with multiple injuries, including facial fractures. The victim had to be removed in a stretcher and was hospitalized. We will not tolerate violence against Correction Officers on Rikers Island who are simply doing their jobs. ”

District Attorney Clark said Marvens Thomas, A.K.A. Murda, 28, a Rikers Island inmate, was arraigned on October 7, 2021 on Attempted Murder in the second degree, Attempted Aggravated Murder, Attempted Assault in the first degree, two counts of second-degree Assault, first and second-degree Promoting Prison Contraband, and Petit Larceny before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. Bail was continued at \$150,000 cash/\$150,000 bond, and the defendant is due back in court on January 11, 2022.

According to the investigation, at approximately 9:09 a.m. on August 30, 2021, at the George R. Verno Center in Rikers Island, the defendant went up to the officer and punched him multiple times in the head and face, causing the victim to fall to the ground. As the officer lay immobile, the defendant kicked him in the face and head multiple times. Thomas then jumped and stomped on the victim’s head and back twice. He proceeded to take the officer’s pepper spray and left the scene.

Other inmates in the jail assisted the victim by bringing him towels to help with the blood loss. The victim was taken to the hospital where he received 20 stitches to his forehead. He also sustained facial fractures and a skull fracture.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Larry Pisahov and Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Davis, both of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision



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of Francis Alberts, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Tarek Rahman, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau Community Coordinator Lourdes Galindez and BXDA Detective Investigator Fernando Nunez for their assistance.

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

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