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**TWO RIKERS ISLAND INMATES INDICTED FOR SEPARATE ASSAULTS
ON FELLOW DETAINEES**
One Victim Slashed in the Head and Finger Over Phone Usage,
One Victim Slashed in Unprovoked Attack

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that two Rikers Island inmates have been indicted on separate assaults on fellow inmates in the jail.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendants allegedly slashed other inmates leaving large lacerations; one resulting in disfigurement. One assault came after an argument about the use of a jail phone, and the other was unprovoked. These mindless acts of brutality must stop. We will continue to hold violent inmates accountable, but more must be done to prevent these incidents from happening in the first place."

District Attorney Clark said defendant Jerry Brown, 37, was arraigned on December 6, 2022 on second and third-degree Assault, first-degree Promoting Prison Contraband and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant is due back in court on February 28, 2023.

According to the investigation, on August 27, 2022 at approximately 3:00 p.m., inside the Robert N. Davoren Complex (RNDC), the defendant allegedly argued with an inmate over phone usage. The defendant allegedly slashed the victim with a sharp object causing large lacerations to the top and left side of his head, right side of his neck and his right index finger. The victim was taken to Bellevue Hospital for his injuries.

District Attorney Clark said defendant David Williams, 30, was arraigned on December 5, 2022 on first-degree Assault, (disfigurement), second-degree Assault, first-degree Promoting Prison Contraband, and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant is due back in court on December 20, 2022.

According to the investigation, on October 9, 2022, at 2:20 p.m. in the George R. Vierno Center (GRVC), Williams took a sharp object from his waistband, approached the inmate from



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behind and allegedly slashed him across the face, causing a long laceration. The incident was captured on video. This was an unprovoked attack.

The cases are being prosecuted by Georgia D. Barker, Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney in the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Jonathan Abramowitz, Supervisor of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, Jose Arocho, Deputy Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, Francis Alberts, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division. District Attorney Clark also thanks Trial Preparation Assistant Roderick Kelly for his assistance in the Brown case.

District Attorney Clark thanked the NYC Department of Correction Investigators Walter Holmes and James Ruiz for their work in the investigation on the Brown case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYC Department of Correction Captain Johanna Banks, Investigator Cecil Phillips, Correction Officer Malik Staggers and Rikers Island Liaison Walter Holmes for their work on the Williams case.

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

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