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**For Immediate Release**  
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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR THROWING MOP STICK INTO  
NYC DOC OFFICER'S FACE**  
**Defendant Charged with Second-Degree Assault for Unprovoked Attack**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted on second-degree Assault and additional charges for throwing a mop stick at a Department of Correction Officer's face, narrowly missing his eye.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly unscrewed the mop head and used the stick as a javelin, throwing it at the Correction Officer who was behind a station window. The victim suffered an injury to his face that had to be surgically glued shut, along with significant bruising."

District Attorney Clark said defendant Nakim Williams, 29, was arraigned on December 28, 2022 on three counts of second-degree Assault, first and second-degree Promoting Prison Contraband, Obstructing Governmental Administration, and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Hornstein. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on March 16, 2023.

According to the investigation, on September 9, 2022, in the George R. Vierno Center, Williams allegedly removed a mop from a janitor's closet and unscrewed the stick handle. A 56-year-old Correction Officer was making notes in a logbook at his station near the defendant when Williams allegedly took the mop stick and threw it through the station window, striking the victim in the head, causing a deep cut near his eye. He was treated at Mount Sinai Hospital for the laceration that required surgical glue closure. The victim also suffered bruising and pain.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Georgia D. Barker of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Jonathan Abramowitz, Supervisor in 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.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Department of Correction Investigators Paul Smith and Walter Holmes, and Correction Officer Malik Staggers for their assistance in the investigation.

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

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