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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR ASSAULT  
AGAINST NYC DOC OFFICER IN THE JAIL  
Defendant, An Alleged Gang Member, Allegedly Head-Butted the Officer,  
Fracturing Victim's Nose**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted on second-degree Assault and additional charges for an attack on a New York City Department of Correction Officer in the jail that left him with a fractured nose.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly broke the officer's nose after striking him in the face with his head during an unprovoked attack. The victim suffered from pain, swelling and substantial bleeding to his face. The defendant has been indicted on second and third-degree Assault, and other charges for this appalling incident."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Joshua Yu, 23, an inmate in Rikers Island, was arraigned today on two counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, second-degree Obstructing Governmental Administration, third-degree Menacing and second-degree Harassment before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Beth Beller. Bail was set at \$100,000 cash/\$100,000 bond and the defendant is due back in court on May 4, 2022.

According to the investigation, on December 3, 2021, at approximately 5:44 p.m. the victim, a DOC Officer, and other Officers, were moving Yu, an alleged gang member, through the Robert N. Davoren Complex (RNDC) when the defendant became enraged. Yu allegedly head-butted the 42-year-old officer in the face, fracturing the Officer's nose. The victim was taken to Mt. Sinai Hospital for treatment and was released. He required additional medical assistance after the incident to reset the fracture and was out for 10 weeks because of the injury.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Miriam Bell-Blair of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of 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 Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Georgia D. Barker of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau.

District Attorney Clark also thanked Correction Intelligence Bureau Investigator Juan Rivera.

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

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