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RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR SCALDING NYC DOC OFFICER Victim Sustained 1st Degree Burns

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 scalding water at a New York City Department of Correction Officer in the jail, burning her skin.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly filled a cup with scalding water and threw it at a DOC Officer. The 31-year-old victim's skin was burned, and she had to be transported to a local hospital for treatment. The defendant has been indicted on Assault charges for this awful, unprovoked attack."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Darrell Woods, 36, an inmate in Rikers Island, was arraigned on March 3, 2022 on two counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, second-degree Menacing, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon and second-degree Obstructing Governmental Administration before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett. Bail was set at \$25,000 cash/\$75,000 bond/\$75,000 partially secured bond at 10 percent. The defendant is due back in court on May 4, 2022.

According to the investigation, on January 31, 2022, at approximately 12:38 p.m., the defendant was in the common recreation area in the Anna M. Kross Center with other inmates as the DOC Officer was on duty outside the gate door. Woods allegedly filled an institutional cup with approximately 190-degree water from an electric hot pot and threw it at the Officer's torso area. The victim was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital where she was treated for first-degree burns.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Georgia D. Barker 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 Trial Preparation Assistants Amanda Bonilla and Roderick Kelly, both of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, for their assistance in the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked DOC Correction Intelligence Bureau Investigators Daniel Monaco and Walter Holmes for their assistance in the investigation.

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

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