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RIKERS ISLAND INMATE SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RAPING FEMALE INMATE

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been sentenced to seven years in prison after pleading guilty to Attempted Rape in the first degree in the sexual attack against a female inmate in the jail.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant, an inmate in Rikers Island, approached the victim who was in the shower area and raped her. Sexual violence against anyone is unacceptable. The defendant has been sentenced to seven years in prison for the terrible attack.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Ramel Blount, AKA Diamond Blount, 33, an inmate in Rikers Island, was sentenced today to seven years in prison and eight years of post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Laurence Busching. A full order of protection was issued, and the defendant is required to register as a sex offender. Blount pleaded guilty to Attempted Rape in the first degree on April 7, 2022.

According to the investigation, on February 8, 2021 in the Rose M. Singer facility, the victim, 33, an inmate at the time, was in the bathroom and had just finished showering. The defendant, a transgender woman who was housed in the Rose M. Singer facility, approached the victim from behind and pushed her down by applying pressure to the back of her neck, and raped her. The victim reported the incident and a rape kit was administered, which resulted in a DNA hit in the New York State Registry.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Sheryl A. Konigsberg of the Economic Crimes 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.

District Attorney Clark thanked Herman Wun, Chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau, Astrid Borgstedt, Trial Counsel in the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Assistant District Attorney Meredith Masciotti of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and former BXDA Detective



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Investigator Monisara Brahm.

District Attorney Clark also thanked former New York City Department of Correction Investigation Division Deputy Director Maureen Sheehan and DOC Investigator Orellana Clark for their assistance.

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