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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON FOR
ATTEMPTED RAPE OF NURSE IN JAIL CLINIC
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Attempted Rape in First Degree**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been sentenced to six years in prison for attempting to rape a nurse in a clinic in the jail.

Bronx District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant locked the victim in an examination room and attacked her. Fortunately, a detainee and Correction Officers stopped him. It is horrible that a nurse who cares for ill or injured inmates suffered a traumatic assault while doing her job."

Bronx District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Michael Cleaver, 38, was sentenced to six years in prison and must register as a sex offender, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Seth Steed. Cleaver pleaded guilty to Attempted Rape in the First degree on April 12, 2024.

According to the investigation, on November 12, 2021, at approximately 4:12 p.m. in the Eric M. Taylor Center, the defendant--who was admitted to Rikers Island as a new detainee earlier that day--was in the clinic and followed a female nurse into an examination room, locked the door and attempted to rape her. The attack was interrupted by a detainee and Correction Officers who intervened and stopped the assault.

The case was prosecuted by Jevet T. Johnson, Director of the Rikers Island Sex Crimes Prosecution Initiative, and former Assistant District Attorney Larry Pisahov of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Tamara Hall for her assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked Department of Correction Central Intelligence Bureau Investigators Anthony Scoma, Paul Smith, Jeffrey Rios and Walter Holmes for their work in the investigation.