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RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR PREDATORY SEX ASSAULT OF TRANSGENDER INMATE IN JAIL

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted on Predatory Sexual Assault, Criminal Sexual Act, Sexual Abuse and other related charges for allegedly attacking a transgender inmate in a Rikers Island jail who he threatened with a makeshift ice pick.

District Attorney Clark said, “Sexual violence against any person in jail will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. Allegedly wielding a sharp weapon, this defendant gave the victim a deranged choice—be stabbed or sexually assaulted. He will face justice for this brutal crime.”

New York City Department of Correction Commissioner Lynelle Maginley-Liddie said, “The allegations laid out in the indictment, if true, are reprehensible and the defendant should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. DOC has a zero-tolerance policy toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment against any person who works, visits, or is in custody in any of its facilities. I want to thank the investigators on my team for working on this case and the Office of Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark for their assistance.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Kelvin Williams, 34, was indicted on Predatory Sexual Assault, first-degree Criminal Sexual Act, first degree Sexual Abuse, third-degree Criminal Sexual Act, Sexual Misconduct, Forcible Touching, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, third-degree Assault, and third-degree Sexual Abuse. He was arraigned on June 18, 2024, and remanded by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera. He is due back in court on September 17, 2024.

According to the investigation, on the evening of May 12th, 2022, the defendant allegedly attacked a transgender person in custody in her cell at the Anna M. Kross Center detention facility. Video surveillance captured the defendant walking back and forth in front of the victim’s cell until he entered and allegedly brandished a makeshift ice pick and gave the victim the choice to be stabbed or sexually assaulted. The defendant then forced the victim to engage in oral and anal sex.



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The case is being prosecuted by Jevet T. Johnson, Director, Rikers Island Sex Crimes Prosecution Initiative, and Assistant District Attorney Irene Nisirios of the Rikers Island Sex Crimes Prosecution Initiative 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 Assistants Jordy Burgos, Tamara Hall, and Massiel Castillo for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked Department of Correction Special Intelligence Unit -PREA Investigator Clark Orellana, Investigator Connor Olsen, Deputy Director Ingris Martinez and Correction Intelligence Bureau Investigator Jeffrey Rios, and Investigator Walter Holmes for their diligent work in the investigation.

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