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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR
SEXUAL ABUSE OF TRANSGENDER INMATE AND TWO INCIDENTS AGAINST
CORRECTION OFFICERS**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been sentenced to five years in prison for first-degree Sexual Abuse of a transgender inmate whom he threatened with a makeshift weapon.

District Attorney Clark said, “Sexual violence against someone in custody is heinous and we prosecute it to the fullest extent. The defendant will now face years in prison for this assault, on top of a sentence he must serve for a Manhattan sex crime.”

New York City Department of Correction Commissioner Lynelle Maginley-Liddie said, “Thank you to Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark and her team for working with us to ensure justice for the victim in this matter. The NYC Department of Correction has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and harassment toward anyone who lives or works in our facilities. We will use any means at our disposal to protect the vulnerable populations in our care.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Kelvin Williams, 36, was sentenced on December 16, 2025, to five years in prison, 10 years post release supervision for first-degree Sexual Assault by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Eugene Bowen. He pleaded guilty to that charge on November 12, 2025. The defendant’s sentence also covers a guilty plea to Obstruction of Governmental Administration for injuring a Correction Officer during a tactical search of his cell on April 23, 2025, and a guilty plea to Forcible Touching of a Correction Officer on January 26, 2025.



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According to the investigation, on the evening of May 12, 2022, the defendant attacked a transgender person in the Anna M. Kross Center on Rikers Island. Video surveillance captured the defendant walking back and forth in front of the victim's cell until he entered and brandished a makeshift ice pick. He told the victim to choose being stabbed or sexually assaulted and forced the victim to engage in oral and anal sex.

The five-year sentence will run consecutively to a Manhattan case in which Williams pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in jail and three years post release supervision for second-degree Rape and second-degree Criminal Sexual Act against a 13-year-old girl.

The case was prosecuted by Victoria Nunez, Director, Rikers Island Sex Crimes Prosecution Initiative, and Christine Paska, Supervisor in the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Jose Arocho, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistants Sara Giessel, Tamara Hall, and Alicia Henry, for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked Department of Correction Special Investigations Unit - Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Lead Investigator Clark Orellana, Deputy Director Ingris Martinez, Capt. Patricia Jachowdik and Supervising Investigator Alyson Lawson, under the supervision of Deputy Director Ingris Martinez, and Correction Intelligence Bureau Investigators Jeffrey Rios, and Walter Holmes for their diligent work in the investigation.