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RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR ASSAULT OF NURSE **Defendant Allegedly Cut Nurse While Receiving Medical Care**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted for assaulting a nurse who was treating him.

District Attorney Clark said “The defendant, while receiving medical care, cut a nurse’s face with a lancet. Fortunately, the injuries were not serious, but those who work on Rikers Island providing care to inmates should never face harm, and we will hold accountable anyone who puts staff in danger.”

District Attorney Clark said Claude White AKA Demon Bugatti, 25, was indicted on three counts of second-degree Assault, first-degree Promoting Prison Contraband, third-degree Assault, and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. He was arraigned March 26, 2025, before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. He was remanded and is due back in court on April 7, 2025.

According to the investigation, on March 12, 2025, at approximately 9:35 am, in the Enhanced Supervision Housing unit within Rose M. Singer Facility, a NYC Health + Hospitals nurse was tending to White’s medical needs, when White allegedly swiped the nurse’s face, cutting his cheek. White allegedly exclaimed, “I shot the doctor!” and Correction Officers removed him from the clinic. White is seen on video spitting out a lancet (a small, needle-like device) when he was taken into a search area.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Georgia D. Barker of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Jose Arocho, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and Edward C. Uy, Deputy Chief of Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, 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 Assistant Tamara Hall and Trial Preparation Supervisor Netanya Pierrot of the Investigations Division for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYC Department of Correction Central Intelligence Bureau Investigators Korab Hasangjekaj, James Ruiz, John Cammisuli, Walter Holmes, and Jeffrey Rios for their work in the investigation.

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