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**FORMER GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH INDICTED
FOR RAPING 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL
Allegedly Took Former Player to Motel**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for second-degree Rape, Sexual Abuse and other related charges for allegedly raping a 14-year-old girl who formerly played on a girls' basketball team he coached.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant allegedly brought the teenage girl to a motel. There he allegedly raped the victim. As a basketball coach this defendant had the trust of school leaders, parents and students. In this instance instead of honoring that trust, he broke it."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jayvone Johnson, 35, of Clinton Avenue, was arraigned today on two counts of second-degree Rape, two counts of third-degree Rape, two counts of Sexual Misconduct, third-degree Sexual Abuse, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Eugene Bowen. Johnson is due back in court on April 21, 2026.

According to the investigation, on December 23, 2024, the defendant, a coach at a Bronx charter school, was coaching his school in a game. The victim, who had previously attended the school and played on Johnson's team, was in attendance. After the game the defendant approached her and allegedly persuaded her to go to the JetSet Motel on Third Avenue, where the defendant allegedly raped the victim.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Dana Snay of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Johanna Hernandez and Alexandra Militano, Deputy Chiefs of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of Special Victims Division and Joe Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Jillian Crowley for her assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Ernesto Castillo from the Bronx Special Victims Squad for his work in the investigation.

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