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**RIKERS INMATE INDICTED FOR UNPROVOKED  
ASSAULT ON MEDICAL STAFF**

*Jonathan Hodgson Also Facing Manhattan Attempted Murder Charges*

(Bronx, NY – July 8, 2015) – Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson announces the indictment of 35-year-old JONATHAN HODGSON in the brutal June attack on a Rikers Island medical worker.

HODGSON was arraigned in Bronx Supreme Court today before Justice Joseph Dawson and pled not guilty to:

- Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Class B Felony)**
- Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (3 counts) (Class D Felony)**
- Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (Class A Misdemeanor)**
- Resisting Arrest (Class A Misdemeanor)**

HODGSON being held at Rikers Island’s George R. Vierno Center on an underlying Manhattan indictment for Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for a January, 2015 attack. On June 18<sup>th</sup>, he stepped into the office where 69-year-old mental health clinician RALPH ATLAS was working. HODGSON is accused of, without warning or provocation, pummeling the Corizon employee in the face and head, breaking the clinician’s jaw, fracturing his eye socket and nose, as well as causing other injuries for which the victim had to be hospitalized.

Bail was set at \$10,000 following the D.A.’s request for \$250,000; HODGSON is to return to court on September 1, 2015, Part 77, Hall of Justice, 265 E. 161<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 680. The defendant has asked to represent himself in Court.

If convicted of the charges, JONATHAN HODGSON faces up to 25 years behind bars. The case against HODGSON is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ara Ayvazian of the Bronx D.A. Intake



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Bureau. The charges in this indictment are merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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