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CORRECTION CAPTAIN CONVICTED OF BEATING INMATE AND COVERUP; TWO DOC OFFICERS CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
Inmate Jahmal Lightfoot Was Beaten After Glaring at Chief; Officers Tried to Cover It Up

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Department of Correction Captain and two officers have been convicted in connection with the assault of an inmate and the attempt to cover up the beating in a Rikers Island jail.

District Attorney Clark said, “These convictions, along with those of the assistant security chief of DOC and four officers earlier this week, close a chapter in Rikers Island’s sad, brutal history. They send a clear message that a uniform and a badge do not absolve anyone from committing a crime, and that even an inmate deserves to be treated like a human being.”

District Attorney Clark said DOC Captain Gerald Vaughn was convicted by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett today, June 10, 2016, of first-degree Attempted Gang Assault, first-degree Attempted Assault, second-degree Assault, first-degree Falsifying Business Records, first-degree Offering a False Instrument for Filing and Official Misconduct after a 12-week bench trial. Vaughn faces up to 15 years in prison on the top count when he is sentenced on September 6, 2016.

District Attorney Clark said Correction Officers Harmon Frierson and Dwayne Maynard were convicted of Official Misconduct, a misdemeanor, and they face up to a year in jail when they are sentenced on September 6, 2016.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Lawrence Piergrossi, Pishoy Yacoub, and Raymond Valerio of the Public Integrity Bureau.

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