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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON  
NYC DOC OFFICER**  
**Victim Sustained Fractured Eye Socket and Large Cut to His Head**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted on Assault charges for the unprovoked attack on a New York City Department of Correction Officer that left the victim with serious injuries.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly punched a Correction Officer after a search in the cell found alleged marijuana there. The Officer sustained painful injuries, including a large cut to the back of his head and an orbital fracture. We will seek justice for the Officer, who experienced a physically and emotionally traumatic attack just doing his job.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Julius Allen, 22, a Rikers Island inmate, was arraigned today on Assault on a Peace Officer, Police Officer, Fireman or Emergency Medical Services Professional; two counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, Promoting Prison Contraband, and second-degree Obstructing Governmental Administration before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. Bail was continued at \$150,000 cash/\$300,000 bond/\$300,000 partially secured bond and the defendant is due back in court on March 15, 2023.

According to the investigation, on November 16, 2022, at approximately 12:52 p.m. inside the Robert N. Davoren Complex, the 47-year-old victim, who was on the Special Search Team, was in the defendant’s cell and found alleged marijuana inside a lotion bottle. Allen allegedly turned to the victim and punched him in the face, causing him to fall and lose consciousness. Officers who were present and part of the Special Search Team removed the defendant, and the victim was taken to a local hospital. The victim sustained broken bones surrounding his left eye socket and had to undergo surgery. He also sustained a laceration to the back of his head, which required 16 staples. He had substantial pain, bleeding and swelling to his face.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Georganne Ladis of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Jonathan Abramovitz, Supervisor of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, Jose Arocho, Deputy Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution



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Bureau, Francis Alberts, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Mel-Asia Pugh and Rikers Island Community Coordinator Lourdes Galindez, both of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYC Department of Correction Captain Johanna Banks, NYC DOC Correction Intelligence Bureau Investigators Juan Rivera and Nathaniel Williamson, and Rikers Island Liaison Walter Holmes for their work in the investigation.

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

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