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RIKERS ISLAND INMATE SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR SLASHING NYC DOC OFFICER AND STABBING AN INMATE

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate was sentenced to three years in prison and 1/1/2 years post-release supervision after pleading guilty to second-degree Assault for attacking a NYC Department of Correction Officer and an inmate.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant was awaiting sentencing for a Manslaughter conviction. After he was freed from his cell by another inmate who had stolen the officer’s keys, the defendant attacked the officer and another inmate. Our jails must be safe for our Correction Officers and for those awaiting their day in court. This sentence sends a message that you will be held accountable for any violence you commit in jail.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Brighton Montgomery, 20, last of 120 West 91st Street in Manhattan, was sentenced August 11, 2022, to three years in prison and a year and a half post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Guy Mitchell. The defendant pleaded guilty to second-degree Assault on July 07, 2022.

According to the investigation, on August 5, 2021 at approximately 2:00 p.m., Montgomery and Luis Rivera were detained in Housing Area B2 in North Infirmary Command at Rikers Island. While the Correction Officer was on patrol, he was asked to remove trash from Rivera’s cell. Rivera then fled his cell and grabbed the CO’s pepper spray and keys. Rivera sprayed the officer with his pepper spray and then ran to Brighton’s cell, and let him out.

Montgomery was in possession of two knives. He gave one to Rivera. The two inmates then attacked an inmate, stabbing him in the arms. After, Montgomery went back to Lin, punched him in the face, and then with Rivera, slashed the CO on his nose and neck.

Rivera previously pleaded guilty to this and other jail violence, as well as a murder and is serving 26 years in prison.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jeff Davis of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau under the supervision of Jonathan Abramovitz, Supervisor, Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, Jose Arocho, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and Frank Alberts, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief, Investigations Division and Wanda Perez Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division

District Attorney Clark thanked Correction Officer Investigator Walter Holmes, Correction Captain Johanna Banks and Correction Officer Investigator John Cammisuli, all of the NYC Department of Correction Intelligence Bureau.

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