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**RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR
STABBING MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN
Defendant Was Being Held at Rikers Island for Deadly Subway Stabbing**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted for Attempted Murder and other charges for stabbing a mental health clinician with a makeshift dagger.

District Attorney Clark said, “The victim was interviewing detainees in the Mental Observation Unit when he was allegedly stabbed by the defendant with a sharpened piece of metal. The health care provider fought for his life and Correction Officers came to his aid. This was a brutal attack on someone who helps people with mental health issues.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Claude White, 24, of the Bronx, was arraigned today on Attempted Murder in the second-degree, Attempted Assault in the first-degree, three counts of second-degree Assault, first-degree Promoting Prison Contraband, and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Beth Beller. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on October 12, 2023.

According to the investigation, on July 29, 2023, in the George R. Vierno Center on Rikers Island, the victim, a mental health clinician who was working in the Mental Observational Unit, was interviewing a client/detainee when White approached from behind and stabbed the clinician with a metal shank. NYC Department of Correction Officers detained White. The victim was rushed to a nearby hospital with two puncture wounds to his face, one puncture wound to his arm, and blunt force injuries to his chest.

White was remanded for the fatal stabbing of a man on a 4 train in Manhattan on June 19, 2023.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Georgia D. Barker of Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Jonathan Abramovitz, Director of Rikers Island Violence Reduction, Jose Arocho, Deputy Chief of Rikers Island



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Prosecution 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 Assistants Tara Dimeglio and Jordy Burgos for their assistance in the case as well as BXDA Detective Investigator Clayton Nyonyo.

District Attorney Clark thanked Department of Correction Intelligence Bureau Investigators Paul Smith, Cecil Phillips, and 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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