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RIKERS ISLAND INMATE INDICTED FOR PUNCHING NYC DOC OFFICER IN THE FACE, CAUSING GASH TO HER EYE

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Rikers Island inmate has been indicted for second-degree Assault and additional charges for punching a New York City Department of Correction Officer in the face so hard, it caused a laceration to her left eye.

District Attorney Clark said “The defendant allegedly struck the Officer twice in the face, opening a deep gash above her eye. The unprovoked assault on the officer while she was doing her job--she had broken up a fight between the defendant and another inmate—is intolerable.”

District Attorney Clark said Rosita Sanders, 44, of Elliot Place, the Bronx, was indicted on two counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault and Obstructing Government Administration and was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera. Sanders is currently remanded on a Manhattan case. The People requested \$50,000 cash/\$100,000 bond. Bail was set at \$1. She is due back in court on December 23, 2024.

According to the investigation, on November 15, 2024, in the Rose M. Singer Center Women’s Facility, the defendant was involved in an altercation with another inmate. A Correction Officer separated them, and while the Officer was telling a fellow officer about the incident, Sanders allegedly punched her twice in the face with a closed fist, causing a deep laceration above her left eye that required six stitches.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Georgia D. Barker of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Jose Arocho, Deputy Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, Francis Alberts, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, 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 Kelly Roderick for his assistance in the case.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Department of Correction Central Intelligence Bureau Investigators John Cammisuli, Jeffrey Rios and Walter Holmes for their work in the investigation.

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