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NYPD OFFICER CHARGED IN TWO INDICTMENTS: FOR ASSAULTING A SUSPECT, AND FOR LYING ABOUT PATROL CAR STRIKING MOTORCYCLIST

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that an NYPD Police Officer has been charged in two separate indictments, for assaulting a suspect with a police radio and for lying about a patrol car striking and injuring a motorcyclist.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly lied about police car accident that injured a motorist to cover up for the officer who was driving, and four months later the defendant allegedly struck a suspect on the head with his radio. His alleged actions are a betrayal of public trust and tarnish the shield."

District Attorney Clark said Kenny Victoria, 34, who was assigned to the 44th Precinct, was arraigned today on both indictments before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera. The defendant is due back in court on December 3, 2024.

The defendant was charged in one indictment with Attempted Offering a False Instrument in the first degree, second-degree Offering a False Instrument for Filing, second-degree Falsifying Business Records, and Official Misconduct.

According to the investigation, on December 16, 2023, at approximately 2:24 p.m., near Monroe Avenue and East 173rd Street, the defendant was a passenger in a NYPD patrol car that crashed into a motorcyclist, fracturing his leg, and forcing him over the car's hood. The biker was arrested and charged with Reckless Engagement and Criminal Mischief. An investigation revealed Victoria allegedly filed a collision report stating the motorcyclist was doing a wheelie and drove into the police vehicle; however, video surveillance showed that the police car accelerated and turned into the motorcyclist as he was entering an intersection.

In the second indictment, the defendant was charged with second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, and Official Misconduct. According to the investigation, on April 30, 2024, at approximately 3:41 p.m., near 311 East 170th Street, the defendant responded to calls of a person with a firearm. When he arrived, he identified the man with the gun, and chased him. The suspect



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tossed the gun and was eventually pulled to the ground by another officer. Victoria allegedly struck the suspect on the head with his police radio. The suspect received staples at a hospital to stop the bleeding from the back of his head.

The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathon Sizemore of the Public Integrity Bureau, under the supervision of Sarah Clements, Supervisor of the Public Integrity Bureau, Allison Riesel, Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau, and Omer Wiczyk, Chief of the Public Integrity 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 Sergeant Thomas Little and Sergeant Jonathan Yan of the Internal Affairs Bureau and Lieutenant Hugo Batista of PSA 7 (formally of the Internal Affairs Bureau).

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