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**FORMER RIKERS ISLAND INMATE SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS IN PRISON IN
SLASHING OF NYC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICER
Sentence Will Run Consecutive To 25-Year Term He Is Serving for Manslaughter**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a former Rikers Island inmate has been sentenced to nine years in prison in a brutal slashing in 2015 that left an NYC Department of Correction officer with life-altering injuries.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant held the officer in a chokehold while another inmate viciously slashed his face and arm. After the attack, the victim needed 20 stitches on his left cheek and four stitches on his wrist. The incident was a despicable display of violence against an officer who was on the job. The sentence announced today sends a clear message that you will be held responsible for brutality in our jails.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Darnell Green, 21, was sentenced to nine years in prison today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio, to be served consecutive to a 25-year sentence for Manslaughter in a Queens case and a 4-year sentence for Attempted Robbery. Green pleaded guilty to Attempted Aggravated Assault of a Police or Peace Officer on June 4, 2018.

According to the investigation, on November 5, 2015, in the George Motchan Detention Center, the defendant approached Correction Officer Ray Calderon from behind, put his arms around his neck and squeezed. Subsequently, another inmate, William Whitfield, approached the officer with a sharp object and sliced the left side of the officer’s face, from his forehead down to his cheek and ear, and also sliced him on the right arm. Whitfield was sentenced to 11 years in prison for the slashing incident on April 17, 2018.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Vallely of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau and James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Deanna Logan, Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, and the



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overall supervision of Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked ADA Timothy Collins and Department of Correction Officers Scott Frank, Anthony Scoma and Captain Vincent Fuca for their assistance.

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