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## FOUR CITY CORRECTION OFFICERS CHARGED IN ASSAULT-AND-FALSE REPORT SCHEME

MARK G. PETERS, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on the arrests of four City Correction Officers in connection with the assault of an inmate at the George Motchan Detention Center ("GMDC") on Rikers Island and the filing of false reports with the City Department of Correction ("DOC") regarding the incident. DOI investigated the case with DOC's Investigations Division and worked with the office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson, which obtained the indictment and is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "Correction officers who use force when it is unjustified and falsify the facts to cover it up undermine the safety and integrity of our City's jails and make the job of all correction officers more difficult. Working with the Correction Department and the Bronx District Attorney's Office, DOI will continue to investigate and expose this illegal conduct."

Correction Officers MICHAEL DORSAINVIL, 37, of Valley Stream, N.Y., CHRISTOPHER HUGGINS, 31, of Westbury, N.Y., and MARK ANGLIN, 39, of Queens, N.Y. were each charged with Attempted Gang Assault in the First Degree and Attempted Assault in the First Degree, class C felonies; and Attempted Gang Assault in the Second Degree and Assault in the Second Degree, class D felonies.

DORSAINVIL, HUGGINS, ANGLIN, and a fourth Correction Officer, RONALD DONNELLEY, 61, of the Bronx, N.Y. were each charged with Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, class E felonies, and Official Misconduct, a class A misdemeanor.

Upon conviction, a class C felony is punishable by up to 15 years in prison, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison, and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year's incarceration.

The investigation, as outlined in the indictment, found that on March 15, 2013, a confrontation occurred with an inmate. Video surveillance showed DORSAINVIL and HUGGINS entered the intake pen and as the inmate backed away DORSAINVIL hit the inmate in the face. ANGLIN also entered the intake pen, grabbing the inmate and the three officers forced the inmate to the ground where the confrontation continued. As a result of the incident, the inmate sustained bruising and received stitches to his mouth. Following the incident, DORSAINVIL, HUGGINS, and ANGLIN filed use-of-force reports with DOC falsely indicating that the use of force was necessary to prevent the inmate from hanging himself in his cell. DONNELLEY also filed a use-of-force report as a witness to the incident, corroborating the statements of the other three correction officers. The investigation found that video surveillance captured the incident and did not support those statements.

DORSAINVIL has been employed with DOC since August 2007, HUGGINS has been employed at DOC since November 2008, ANGLIN has been employed at DOC since August 2004, and DONNELLEY has been employed with DOC since December 2001. Each receives a base salary of \$76,488. After the incident, each was

modified and placed in a position that had no inmate contact. Upon arrest, the correction officers were suspended.

Commissioner Peters thanked Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson, and members of his staff, and DOC Acting Commissioner Mark Cranston, and members of his staff, including Deputy Commissioner Florence Finkle and investigator Alexandria Maldonado, for their assistance and cooperation on the investigation.

Assistant District Attorney Pishoy Yacoub at the Bronx District Attorney's Rackets Bureau is prosecuting the case, under the supervision of Rackets Bureau Chief Stuart Levy.

An indictment is an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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