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**DOI-BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF
CITY CORRECTION OFFICER ON CHARGES OF ASSAULTING AN INMATE**

MARK G. PETERS, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), in partnership with DARCEL D. CLARK, Bronx County District Attorney, announced the arrest and arraignment of a City Correction Officer on assault charges for the beating of an inmate in a cell yesterday in the Bronx that left the inmate severely injured and requiring hospitalization. BRADFORD JONES is seen on video surveillance entering the inmate's locked cell and striking him several times in the head with a radio. The Department of Correction ("DOC") contacted DOI and the District Attorney about the incident immediately to coordinate and pursue charges in a matter of hours.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "This type of brutality will not be tolerated. There is a new working partnership between District Attorney Clark, Commissioner Ponte and DOI which allowed us to arrest and arraign the officer within 12 hours of the assault. This partnership will let us aggressively crack down on lawlessness at Rikers and represents the beginning of a real world solution to a longstanding problem."

Bronx County District Attorney Darcel D. Clark said, "The violence unleashed by the defendant and captured on video is stomach-turning, and even more shocking because he is a public servant sworn to uphold the law. He viciously dispensed street justice inside the courthouse, where everyone should expect to be treated fairly and with civility. He will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, as will anyone who commits a crime in the City's jails."

DOC Commissioner Joseph Ponte said, "I am deeply troubled by yesterday's events. This incident was unacceptable. Everyone in our custody deserves to be treated in a just and humane manner. The vast majority of our officers carry out their duties with care and integrity, and we are taking aggressive steps to ensure that all staff adhere to the highest professionalism. We will continue to take every step to build a culture of safety for our inmates and officers alike."

JONES, 37, of New York, NY, was arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with Assault in the First Degree, a class B felony; Assault in the Second Degree, a class D felony; Assault in the Third Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, and Official Misconduct, all class A misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class B felony is punishable by up to 25 years in prison, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year's incarceration.

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JONES was arraigned before Bronx Criminal Court Judge Elizabeth N. Warin, who set bail at \$40,000. He is due back in court on April 12, 2016.

According to the criminal complaint and DOI's investigation, at approximately 12:30 p.m. yesterday the inmate was being held inside of a locked cell at the Bronx County Hall of Justice and was handcuffed in front of his body. The inmate is seen on video surveillance throwing a cup of liquid in the direction of JONES, who then uses his keys to forcibly enter the cell, despite being restrained by two other officers. JONES then assaults the inmate with a department radio, repeatedly striking him in the head.

The inmate was taken to Lincoln Hospital after the incident and was treated for fractures to his right orbital bone, nose and maxillary spine as well as for lacerations on the back of his head, his nose, above his right eyebrow and his lip, all requiring stitches, according to the complaint.

JONES has been employed by DOC since November 2008 and as a Correction Officer he receives an annual base salary of approximately \$80,788. As a result of this arrest he has been suspended.

DOI Commissioner Peters thanked DOC Commissioner Joseph Ponte and Bronx County District Attorney Darcel D. Clark, and their staffs, for their cooperation and assistance in this investigation.

DOI's Office of the Inspector General for DOC investigated this case, under the supervision of Assistant Inspector General Whitney Matthews, First Deputy Inspector General Chin Ho Cheng, Senior Inspector General Jennifer Sculco, Associate Commissioner Paul Cronin, Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Michael Carroll and First Deputy Commissioner Lesley Brovner.

The Bronx County Assistant District Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case. Assistant District Attorney Omer Wiczuk is prosecuting the case under the supervision of James Goward, Deputy Chief of the Rackets Bureau; Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau; Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

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