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**NYC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICER INDICTED  
FOR TAKING BRIBES TO SMUGGLE CONTRABAND  
Defendant Allegedly Brought Documents Purportedly Laced with Narcotics  
to Inmate in Rikers Island**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark and New York City Department of Investigation Commissioner Nadia I. Shihata today announced that a NYC Department of Correction Officer has been indicted for allegedly accepting thousands of dollars in exchange for delivering documents that he believed were soaked with narcotics to an inmate.

District Attorney Clark said, “Documents soaked in dangerous narcotics such as K2 and fentanyl threaten the safety of inmates and staff. This defendant allegedly received money to bring in papers treated with drugs, ignoring the hazard of such contraband, and putting lives at risk.”

Commissioner Nadia I. Shihata said, “Correction Officers take an oath to uphold the law and have a responsibility to safeguard people in their care. Instead, as charged, this defendant betrayed that oath by allegedly accepting thousands of dollars in bribes to smuggle contraband, specifically papers purported to be soaked in narcotics, into Rikers Island facilities, endangering both persons in custody and his fellow officers. I thank the Bronx District Attorney's Office for its continued partnership and commitment to ensuring safety in the City's jails.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Eric Rivera, 54, was arraigned on May 20, 2026, on second-degree Bribe Receiving, third-degree Bribe Receiving, Official Misconduct and second-degree Promoting Prison Contraband before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Jay Young Kim. He is due back in court on July 22, 2026.



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According to the investigation, on two occasions between June 1, 2025, and September 15, 2025, Rivera accepted bribes in excess of \$5,000 in exchange for bringing documents purported to be soaked in narcotics onto Rikers Island which he subsequently gave to an inmate.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christian Commelin of the Public Integrity Bureau, under the supervision of Cassie Perez, Supervisor of the Public Integrity Bureau, Sarah Clements, Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau, and Jon Veiga, 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 Trial Preparation Assistant Ivan Reyes for his assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Sandy Nunez, Daniel Angen, and Jennifer Cordero from the Bronx District Attorney's Squad, under the supervision of Sergeant Louis Meade, for their work in the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked Department of Investigation's Office of the Inspector General for DOC, Correction Officer Investigator Brian Hilario, under the supervision of Assistant Inspector General Sasha Holguin, Deputy Inspector General Sony Fortune, and Inspector General Marissa Carro.

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