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## BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY DARCEL D. CLARK, STATE SEN. JEFF KLEIN VISIT RIKERS ISLAND PROSECUTION BUREAU

Sen. Klein Tours Satellite Office to View Equipment Made Possible by His \$100K Grant

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark and State Senator Jeff Klein visited the Bronx DA's Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau on Rikers Island, where Sen. Klein met the Bureau staff and viewed equipment provided by a \$100,000 appropriation he secured from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services.

District Attorney Clark said, "We are grateful to Sen. Klein for his assistance in outfitting the bureau, which officially opened last September. His funding has enabled us to have a safe, secure and efficient environment for our staff as they work to prosecute crimes committed on Rikers Island. The grant went to the purchase of two vehicles, computer and other office equipment, and for crucial security implementations for the trailer as recommended by NYPD's Technical Assistance Response Unit."

New York City Department of Correction Commissioner Joseph Ponte said, "We are pleased to have the support of Senator Klein and to continue our ongoing partnership with District Attorney Clark."

Senator Klein said, "I am proud to have secured \$100,000 in state funding for the Bronx DA's Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau. It was an honor to visit the unit, where I got to see the wheels of justice spinning before my eyes. I applaud Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, who upon her inauguration, made opening this crucial unit a priority of hers. This bureau truly is a key component to reforming Rikers Island, making the grounds safer for our hardworking DOC workers who maintain order day in and day out."

District Attorney Clark and Sen. Klein were joined by Commissioner Ponte at the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau on Friday, March 17, 2017. The Bureau is currently handling over 100 pending indictments and 81 pending felony investigations involving inmates and visitors.