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D.A. McMahon: Former Hospital Employee Indicted for Assaulting Supervisor with Baseball Bat

Defendant assaulted victim with bat, held knife to her neck

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that **Leon Morris** has been indicted on charges including Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and Menacing in the Second Degree for the assault of his former supervisor at Staten Island University Hospital.

“This defendant allegedly led a brutal and unprovoked attack, viciously beating the victim with a bat and holding a knife to her neck,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “My prosecutors and I will work tirelessly to ensure that justice is served for the victim of this heinous crime.”

According to the seven-count indictment and documents filed in court, on March 12, 2017, at about 5 p.m., inside Staten Island University Hospital at 475 Seaview Avenue, **Morris**, struck the victim multiple times in the head with a baseball bat, causing serious physical injury. The defendant then displayed a large knife and held it against the victim’s neck.

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Morris was arraigned today from his bedside at Bellevue Hospital via video in State Supreme Court, St. George and remanded.

The case is being prosecuted by ADA Adam Silberlight, Deputy Chief of the Trials Bureau.

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The charges contained in the attached indictment are merely allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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