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D.A. McMahon: Convicted Felon Sentenced to 12 Years to Life in Prison for Assaulting a Police Officer and Attempting to Steal her Service Weapon

Dante Martin assaulted a police officer and tried to steal her service weapon in a failed attempt to escape custody; he has now been sentenced to 12 years to life in prison

Staten Island, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that **Dante Martin** has been sentenced to 12 years to life in prison after previously pleading guilty to Assault in the Second Degree and Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree for attacking an NYPD officer and attempting to steal her service weapon after previously being arrested for possessing a loaded firearm.

Martin, who is a mandatory violent persistent felon, was sentenced today in Richmond County State Supreme Court, St. George, by Judge William E. Garnett.

“Today’s sentence ensures that this defendant will spend many years behind bars for violently assaulting a police officer,” said **District Attorney Michael E. McMahon**. “The brave men and women of the NYPD risk their lives every day to protect us, and my office will continue to vigorously prosecute anyone who attempts to do them harm.”

On or about August 25, 2016, police officers received a 911 call of a man who was threatening a woman and menacing her with a firearm near 55 Holland Avenue. Officers arrived on the scene and identified the defendant as the only person matching the description. As officers approached the defendant, he fled, and allegedly dropped a firearm. Police eventually apprehended the defendant and recovered a loaded .40-caliber Glock with nine rounds of ammunition in the magazine. After **Martin** was arrested, the defendant claimed he needed medical attention and was taken to Richmond University Medical Center. **Martin** was admitted to the hospital and while there, on August 28, 2016, he told the officer who was guarding him that he needed to use the bathroom. The officer removed his handcuffs, and once she did, he physically attacked her and tried to get her gun out of the holster, even placing his finger on the trigger of the gun. In response to the officer's screams for help, other officers responded to the room and placed **Martin** under arrest.

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The case was prosecuted by ADAs Adam Silberlight, Deputy Chief of the Trials Bureau, and Kate Malloy, under the supervision of Trials Bureau Chief Mark Palladino.

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Defendant Information:

Dante Martin

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