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### **ASSAULT ON CORRECTIONS OFFICER AT GEORGE W. HILL RESULTS IN CHARGES**

**Media, PA** - District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer announced that charges of aggravated assault have been brought against Khaishaun Farmer for his vicious attack on a corrections officer at George W. Hill on August 14. Farmer has been incarcerated since June 2020 on weapons charges.

“This was a brutal attack on a corrections officer who was simply doing his job. Media attention has focused on the chronic issues of understaffing and poor training that have plagued GEO’s operation of the County jail. But - whatever the underlying circumstances - I must do my job and ensure that this inmate is prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Our corrections officers are owed no less.”

According to a guard who witnessed the attack, on Friday, August 14, the corrections officer was in the process of locking down a unit when the assailant blocked the door to his cell. The assailant then body-slammed the victim, throwing him to the ground where he lost consciousness. The assailant continued to attack the victim’s face and head as he lay unconscious on the ground. The victim was later hospitalized with a laceration to his head, three broken vertebrae, and possible internal bleeding. The defendant has admitted to punching the victim, body slamming the victim, and then getting on top of the victim and striking him in the face.

The defendant remains incarcerated at George W. Hill. No date for arraignment has been set.

The defendant has been charged with:

18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1) – Aggravated Assault;

18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(2) – Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer in the Performance of their Duty;

18 Pa.C.S. §2703 a (A) – Assault by a Prisoner;

18 Pa.C.S. §2705 – Recklessly Endangering Another Person.

The District Attorney and the Criminal Investigations Division remind anyone in Delaware County who observes suspicious activity call to 911 immediately and provide the most specific and accurate details possible to assist law enforcement agencies investigating the call for service.

For more information contact Margie McAboy, Public Information Officer, Delaware County District Attorney's Office, 610-579-0429.

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