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**CAPTAIN ANASTASIA HENDERSON
FOUND NOT GUILTY**

Over two years ago, then newly-promoted Captain Anastasia Henderson was unjustly arrested and charged with felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from an incident where a Correction Officer was slashed in the face during a violent inmate incident. Prior to beginning the criminal trial in the Bronx, all charges were downgraded or thrown out, except for one class B misdemeanor charge. Doing this was a ploy to deprive Anastasia a jury trial because the law mandates a Bench Trial. The trial took place in front of Judge Dawson and was completed on April 9. After closing arguments were complete, Judge Dawson took a short recess. Upon returning to the bench, Judge Dawson declared Anastasia innocent of the only remaining charge. We all rejoice in this outcome.

Those who attended Anastasia's trial will tell you that CCA Attorney James Frankie was relentless in his cross examination of the prosecution's witnesses. He clearly showed the Judge why Anastasia was wrongfully arrested and charged.

Myself and the entire Executive Board want to thank our members and friends who showed their support to Anastasia. We all know that wrongful and unjust charges can be brought against any one of us at any time. That is why we have to stay strong together.

Anastasia now faces Departmental disciplinary charges. The CCA will work just as hard to successfully resolve these charges just as we did for her criminal case.