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**NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON INMATE INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTING
TO MURDER A CORRECTIONS OFFICER**

A Mercer County grand jury recently returned an indictment charging a New Jersey State Prison inmate with the attempted murder of a corrections officer.

Fuquan Alexander, (DOB 1/18/85) was indicted on one count of first-degree attempted murder and one count of second-degree aggravated assault.

An investigation revealed that, on February 1, 2014, Alexander choked Senior Corrections Officer Eligia Then, and punched her in the head and face numerous times, causing serious bodily injury.

Alexander is serving a 30-year sentence for a February 2008 carjacking/kidnapping in Essex County.

The indictment is the result of an investigation conducted by the state Department of Corrections Special Investigations Division. Assistant Prosecutor Cynthia Liccardo presented the case to the grand jury.

An indictment is merely an accusation. All persons charged are presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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