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ARRAIGNMENT UPDATE:
POLICE OFFICER CHARGED FOR ALLEGEDLY USING ILLEGAL CHOKEHOLD

New York City Police Officer David Afanador, 39, was arraigned this morning before Queens Criminal Court Judge Danielle Hartman. The defendant is charged with attempted aggravated strangulation and strangulation in the second degree for allegedly using a chokehold on a Queens man during an arrest Sunday morning. The officer – suspended without pay by the New York City Police Department hours after a video of the incident went viral online – allegedly used a chokehold on a 35-year-old man on the boardwalk near the beach in Far Rockaway, Queens. For full press release, [click here](#).

Judge Hartman released the defendant on his own recognizance and set the return date for August 3, 2020. If convicted, Afanador faces up to 7 years in prison.

He is being represented by Steven Worth, Esq. (212)964-8038.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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