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Suffolk Corrections officers charged in alleged assault of inmate

A pair of Suffolk County Corrections Officers are charged with assaulting an inmate in the county jail in 2013.

Vincent Cennamo III, 53, pleaded not guilty today to assault in the third degree, falsifying business records in the first degree, offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree and official misconduct. His codefendant, Mark Nicol, 46, is charged with assault in the third degree.

According to the indictment, the assault of Joshua Durkel, 32, who was serving a sentence for a probation violation after a drug conviction, occurred in the jail on November 27, 2013. Cennamo made false entries in an incident report claiming Durkel said he slipped and suffered a cut above his right eyebrow when he hit his head on a stove.

Durkel now lives out of state.

Judge Timothy Mazzei released both men on their own recognizance and scheduled a return date for March 21.



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