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Statement of Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson on Arraignment of Yonathan Souid For Allegedly Unlawfully Climbing Brooklyn Bridge

“This defendant’s foolish and unlawful conduct is a breach of security and a danger to himself and others. It will not be tolerated. This is not a game and we will be seeking jail time.”

The defendant, Yonathan Souid, 23, of France, who was arrested on Sunday for allegedly climbing the bridge to take photos was arraigned today in Brooklyn Criminal Court on a complaint in which he is charged with second-degree reckless endangerment, third-degree criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, and a violation of administrative code section 10-167 (B)(ii) which prohibits climbing, jumping or suspending oneself from structures. Bail was set at \$15,000 bond or \$7,000 cash. The defendant was ordered to surrender his passport and to return to court on December 9, 2014.

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