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DOI STATEMENT ON LATEST CITYTIME GUILTY PLEAS AND ASSET FORFEITURES

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's felony guilty pleas of three defendants charged with federal crimes in connection with the development of the City's automated timekeeping system known as CityTime. The guilty pleas by SVETLANA MAZER, LARISA MEDZON, and ANNA MAKOVETSKAYA were entered this afternoon in Manhattan federal court before U.S. District Judge George B. Daniels. The defendants also agreed to forfeit their interests in over \$27 million in cash in addition to several properties worth more than \$4 million. The office of Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Today's three guilty pleas bring the total to five defendants who have admitted their criminal participation in this scheme. Along with the City's recovery last year of \$500 million from the vendor, this case continues to move forward yielding results for the taxpayers. Having turned the tables on this criminal network years ago when DOI found their shell companies and the millions salted away in the hidden accounts, DOI's work on this case will continue through its conclusion including a commitment of extensive resources. The partnership and hard work of the U.S. Attorney's Office and DOI continue to pay solid dividends to the City's taxpayers. I want to thank Preet Bharara for his steadfast commitment to honest government and for working with DOI to uphold that standard in the City."

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