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**THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION AND THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNOUNCE \$2 MILLION AWARD TO NYPD FOR PURCHASE OF NEEDED TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT**

Department of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn and Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly today announced that DOI has transferred \$2 million to the NYPD for the purchase of equipment needed by the NYPD in various investigative areas including mobile camera equipment for use at events such as marathons, and camera equipment for videotaping police interviews of subjects at stationhouses throughout the City. The funding DOI is providing to the NYPD is part of a forfeiture award that DOI received from the U.S. Department of Justice in connection with the investigation of the CityTime case, the prosecution of which is being handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

The importance of the need for the mobile camera equipment was heightened after the Boston marathon bombing, and the videotaping equipment will be part of the continued expansion of a program piloted by the Police Commissioner in 2011, which allows prosecutors, judges, juries, as well as defendants and their attorneys, to fairly and accurately evaluate exactly what subjects said during police interviews.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said that, "DOI is gratified to be able to redirect funds from one of its criminal investigations to assist the NYPD in obtaining equipment to enhance the NYPD's investigative and protective efforts on behalf of all New Yorkers. The benefit to having the mobile camera equipment in place when and where the NYPD needs it, such as marathons, experience has shown, is an important proactive measure for public safety. Moreover, Commissioner Kelly's decision to use some of the funds to expand the videotaping program will have valuable benefits to defendants and police officers by providing an evidentiary tool for everyone, including judges, to examine what was or was not said in a police interview."

NYPD Commissioner Raymond Kelly echoed that sentiment, saying that, "the NYPD is very grateful to DOI Commissioner Gill Hearn for her agency's generous assistance, which will enable us to obtain resources that will measurably improve our counterterrorism and investigative capabilities for the City of New York."