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**DOI STATEMENT ON FORMER CITY CORRECTION OFFICER'S PRISON SENTENCE
FOR ASSAULTS ON ADOLESCENT INMATES**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's sentencing of LLOYD NICHOLSON, 38, a former Correction Officer with the City Department of Correction ("DOC"), to concurrent prison terms of six years and two years for the beating of two adolescent inmates at the Robert N. Davoren Complex on Rikers Island. On June 17, 2010, following a bench trial, NICHOLSON was convicted of Gang Assault in the Second Degree and Assault in the Second Degree. The office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson prosecuted the case. Judge Martin Marcus in Bronx Supreme Court imposed the sentence.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "By using adolescent inmates as pawns to impose a twisted form of jailhouse discipline, Lloyd Nicholson abused his power, injured inmates, and compromised jail security. His career ended in disgrace and is now punctuated by this prison sentence, reflecting the seriousness of his crimes. Thankfully, the Correction Department's quick notification allowed DOI and the Bronx District Attorney's office to investigate and successfully prosecute this significant case."

NICHOLSON began employment with DOC in June 2001. He was suspended without pay from February 2008, when he was arrested in this matter, until his employment was terminated on June 18, 2010.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schriro and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

Assistant District Attorney James Cudden of the Bronx County District Attorney's office prosecuted the case under the supervision of Thomas Leahy, Chief of the Rackets Bureau.

DOI's Office of Inspector General for DOC investigated the case.

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