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DOI STATEMENT ON SENTENCE OF CONSTRUCTION WORKER TO WEEKENDS IN JAIL FOR SIX MONTHS FOR BRIBING A DOI UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATOR IN A FAILED EFFORT TO OBTAIN A CITY CRANE LICENSE

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), issued the following statement today on the sentencing of RANDY DICKS, 50, to six months of weekends in jail between June and November 2011 for attempting to obtain a City-issued license to operate small mobile cranes known as “cherry pickers” by bribing an undercover DOI investigator posing as an employee of the City Department of Buildings (“DOB”). DICKS was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine. DOI’s investigation found DICKS did not meet the requirements for the license, including experience and passing requisite tests, and that he gave \$1,500 to the undercover DOI investigator on the understanding that, in return, the investigator would give him the license. DOI arrested DICKS in January 2008 for Bribery in the Third Degree, a class D felony, and in December 2010 DICKS was convicted of that charge by a Manhattan Supreme Court jury. DOI began its investigation into this matter after a DOB employee reported bribery allegations. Assistant District Attorney Sean Sullivan of the office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “Everyone should know that bribery is not a short-cut to a City-issued license but a dead end street leading to arrest, prosecution, and, in this case, jail time. This defendant thought a \$1,500 bribe would get him a license without the required skill and experience, but instead it bought him a criminal record. DOI will continue to ensure that the City’s construction regulations and requirements for licenses are followed. I commend the DOB employee who stepped forward to alert us to this wrongdoing and thank District Attorney Vance and his office for their diligent and effective work in this successful prosecution.”

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., and DOB Commissioner Robert LiMandri, and their staffs, for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI’s NYPD Squad of Detectives and DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for DOB.

DOI is one of the oldest law-enforcement agencies in the country. The agency investigates and refers for prosecution City employees and contractors engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities or unethical conduct. Investigations may involve any agency, officer, elected official or employee of the City, as well as those who do business with or receive benefits from the City.

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