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DOI STATEMENT ON CONVICTION OF CITY CORRECTION OFFICER CHARGED WITH INMATE ASSAULT

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's conviction of LLOYD NICHOLSON, a Correction Officer with the City Department of Correction ("DOC), on charges of Gang Assault in the Second Degree, a class C felony, and Assault in the Second Degree, a class D felony, involving the beating of two inmates. The conviction followed a bench trial by Judge Martin Marcus in Bronx Supreme Court. NICHOLSON is scheduled to be sentenced on July 15, 2010.

NICHOLSON was indicted in February 2008 on charges of ordering the beating of two inmates and personally assaulting a third inmate. The office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This guilty verdict delivers a definitive message that Correction Officers who betray their professional duty by assaulting inmates will face serious consequences: arrest, prosecution, and conviction. The investigation began after a Warden alerted DOI to this matter, allowing investigators to immediately begin gathering the facts. While the investigation exposed disturbing criminal conduct, it also showed that DOC takes seriously its obligation to report wrongdoing. The outcome underscores that the City and its taxpayers have no tolerance for Correction Officers who use their power to abuse inmates instead of protecting the security of the City's jails. I commend the Warden who helped DOI root out and stop this wrongdoing and I congratulate District Attorney Johnson and his office on today's conviction in this important case."

NICHOLSON has been suspended without pay from DOC since his arrest in February 2008.

DOI 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 from 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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