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**DOI STATEMENT ON FOUR-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR FORMER CITY JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNSELOR
CONVICTED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING TEENAGE RESIDENTS IN DJJ CUSTODY**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on the four-year prison sentence of TONY SIMMONS, 47, a former Counselor with the City Department of Juvenile Justice ("DJJ"), convicted of sexually abusing female teenagers in DJJ custody. SIMMONS was convicted on January 21, 2011 of two counts of Criminal Sexual Acts in the Third Degree, class E felonies, five counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, class A misdemeanors, and five counts of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, class B misdemeanors. He was sentenced today by Judge Carol Berkman in Manhattan Supreme Court. The office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This defendant was arrested for the unthinkable – exploiting teenagers in his custody. This four-year prison sentence is a warning to any City employee who abuses a minor: There are serious consequences to that reprehensible criminal conduct. DOI worked on this investigation with the District Attorney's Office and congratulates District Attorney Vance and his staff on this successful prosecution."

SIMMONS began employment at DJJ in May 1992 and at the time of his resignation in September 2010 was receiving an annual salary of approximately \$40,400.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., and his staff, and the staff at DJJ for their assistance on this investigation.

This investigation was conducted jointly by DOI's Inspector General for DJJ and the New York County District Attorney's Office.

Assistant District Attorney Evan Krutoy from the New York County District Attorney's Office prosecuted the case.

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