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STATEMENT OF DOI COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN ON FORMER ACS OFFICIAL'S GUILTY PLEA

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement regarding the guilty plea of Nigel Osarenkhoe, former Supervisor of Adoptions at the City's Administration for Children's Services, to a federal fraud charge today before United States District Judge Barbara S. Jones in Manhattan:

"Today's guilty plea is a significant and welcome development. This defendant admitted that he abused his supervisory position in ACS and his access to its computers and payment systems to steal more than \$400,000 by fabricating phony adoption cases. He is the second ACS insider in this case to stand convicted of federal charges for stealing six-figure sums of sorely needed public funds intended to help needy children. Those substantial and ongoing thefts were uncovered and stopped only as a result of an intensive investigation by DOI and the U.S. Attorney's Office. We will work with the U.S. Attorney's Office to recoup all the monies stolen through this activity. We will also continue to work with ACS to ensure that its internal controls will prevent such abuse going forward."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Lev L. Dassin, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and his staff for their work on this matter.

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