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**CITY EMPLOYEE COLLARED ON MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES  
CONNECTED TO THE THEFT OF \$2.5 MILLION OF CITY MONEY**

Statement by DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn

When DOI learned about Ms. Tagiev's activities, this case became a top priority. In fact, any time DOI learns that money is being stolen from City coffers the agency places that case on a fast-track. I am proud of DOI's role at the forefront of this case. DOI executed multiple under cover operations as well as initiated ongoing surveillance that was technically and operationally challenging.

It's unconscionable that anyone would brazenly abscond with \$2.5 million in tax payer money. Anybody who engages in any type of criminal activity that rips off the City should know that DOI will find you, make sure you are prosecuted to the fullest extent possible and make every effort possible to ensure that you make the City whole. We at DOI intend to have Ms. Tagiev and Mr. Blinder repay every nickel they stole of the tax payer's money.

I'd also like to thank the NYPD Tactical Assistance Response Unit, for its help with the investigation.