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**STATEMENT FROM DOI COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN
REGARDING A GUILTY PLEA FROM A NEW YORK CITY CORRECTION OFFICER**

-- He had inappropriate and illegal sexual contact with an inmate--

"I am pleased with today's developments. This defendant broke rules and regulations governing appropriate behavior for Correction Officers. Correction Officers are instructed that it is both inappropriate and illegal to have sexual contact with an inmate and this defendant should have known better."

ANTHONY PHILLIPS, an 18-year veteran New York City Correction Officer, pleaded guilty today to Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree: Engaging in oral sexual conduct with a person who is incapable of consent by reason of some factor other than being less than 17 years old. PHILLIPS is expected to be sentenced on November 15th.

PHILLIPS, who was assigned to the Correction Department holding area in the Criminal Courts Building at 100 Centre Street in Manhattan, touched a male inmate's breast and allowed the inmate to perform oral sex on him, according to the complaint from PHILLIP's arrest in January.

The Commissioner also praised both the investigators and the prosecutor who worked on this case.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Assistant Commissioner Michael Caruso and members of his staff including Supervising Investigator Octavia Hill, Special Investigators Bill Injeian, Lawrence McGugins and Jared Feirstein, as well as prosecutors from the Manhattan District Attorney's Sex Crimes Unit. Assistant District Attorney Amy Amster prosecuted this case.

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