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**DOI STATEMENT ON ARREST AND INDICTMENT OF CITY CORRECTION OFFICER  
ON CHARGE OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INVOLVING INMATE**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), today announced the arrest of a City Correction Officer on charges of engaging an inmate in a criminal sexual act at the Manhattan Detention Complex ("MDC") in September 2009. DOI's investigation began after it was notified by the City Department of Correction ("DOC") that an inmate alleged the defendant had made sexual overtures to the inmate during an escort. According to the charges outlined in the indictment, in September 2009, the defendant escorted an inmate to a secluded area in the MDC and engaged an inmate in a sexual act. DOI worked jointly on the investigation with the office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., whose office obtained the indictment against the defendant and is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "City Correction Officers are supposed to maintain law, order, and safety within the jails. Instead, as charged in the indictment, this defendant abused his position as a law enforcement officer, ignored his duty, and threw away his integrity. DOI will continue to ensure that City employees who are entrusted with the supervision of incarcerated individuals understand that there is zero tolerance for this kind of conduct and that criminal prosecution will be the result."

ROBERTO MORALES, 40, was charged with Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, a class E felony, and Harassment in the Second Degree, a violation. Upon conviction, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison and a violation by up to 15 days incarceration.

MORALES has been employed at DOC since March 1997 and receives an annual base salary of approximately \$73,546. He has been suspended.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., and DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schriro and their staffs for their cooperation in this investigation.

DOI's Office of Inspector General for DOC worked on the investigation with the New York County District Attorney's Office.

Assistant District Attorney Erik Procaro of the New York County District Attorney's Office has been assigned to the prosecution of the case.

An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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