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**FORMER CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF NYC-TV PLEADS GUILTY
IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT TO STEALING
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and ROSE GILL HEARN, the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation, announced today that TREVOR SCOTLAND, the former Chief Operating Officer of NYC-TV, pleaded guilty in Manhattan federal court before United States District Judge PAUL A. CROTTY to stealing tens of thousands of dollars in New York City funds.

As alleged in the Complaint previously filed in Manhattan federal court and the Information to which SCOTLAND pleaded guilty:

Until March 13, 2009, SCOTLAND was the Chief Operating Officer of NYC-TV, a television station operated and funded in part by New York City. As part of its operations, NYC-TV produced commercials for advertisers to be aired during its television programming. On a number of occasions between March 2007 through April 2008, SCOTLAND directed that VRT Multimedia, Inc. ("VRT") be paid for advertising production work that was actually done by NYC-TV.

After VRT was paid for this work, the owner of VRT, VINCENT R. TAYLOR, issued checks drawn on a bank account in the name of VRT directly to SCOTLAND, or issued checks to make payments on two different credit cards in SCOTLAND's name. These payments to SCOTLAND typically totaled approximately 80 percent of the money VRT had received from the advertisers. VRT kept the remainder of the money, typically approximately 20 percent of the money VRT had received from the advertisers, even though VRT had done none of the relevant production work. The money SCOTLAND

and TAYLOR stole from NYC-TV from totaled more than \$60,000.

SCOTLAND pleaded guilty to a one-count Information charging him with conspiracy to commit wire fraud. He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced on January 26, 2010 by Judge CROTTY.

TAYLOR has been charged separately in a one-count Indictment with conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. TAYLOR's next appearance before United States District Judge HAROLD BAER, JR., is on November 2, 2009.

Mr. BHARARA praised the investigative work of the New York City Department of Investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorney BRENT WIBLE is in charge of the prosecution.

The charge against VINCENT R. TAYLOR contained in the Indictment is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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