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**FORMER NYC CORRECTION DEPARTMENT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL MAIL FRAUD CHARGES**

DAVID N. KELLEY, 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 FREDERICK J. PATRICK, who has served as New York City Department of Correction ("DOC") Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Deputy Coordinator for Criminal Justice Services, and as Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice, pled guilty today in Manhattan federal court to a two-count criminal Information charging that PATRICK defrauded the New York City Correction Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") of more than \$137,000. After leaving the DOC, PATRICK was appointed a Deputy Commissioner of Community Affairs with the New York City Police Department until his resignation earlier today.

According to a Complaint and the Information filed

earlier, the Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation, whose stated purpose is, among other things, to fund programs and activities to strengthen the DOC. PATRICK has served as Treasurer of the Foundation since 1994. PATRICK was the sole signatory on the Foundation's bank account.

According to the Complaint and Count One of the Information, between January 1997 through December 2001, PATRICK wrote \$107,462 in Foundation checks payable to MCI and approximately \$5,271 in Foundation checks payable to NYNEX.

According to the Complaint and the Information, PATRICK admitted (1) that these expenditures were in connection with collect calls from New York State and New York City inmates to his home phone in Manhattan; (2) that he often accepted these collect calls, which were of a personal nature; (3) that he also allowed inmates to place calls to other persons using his home telephone number; (4) that he did not receive approval from DOC or the Foundation for these expenditures; and (5) that he has not repaid the Foundation for the calls.

According to Count Two of the Information, PATRICK engaged in a second scheme to defraud the Foundation. In 1997, PATRICK loaned an individual ("CC-1") \$25,000 from the Foundation's bank account. In October 2001, CC-1 mailed PATRICK a \$30,000 check in repayment of the loan. In November 2001, PATRICK deposited this check into his personal bank account by mail.

PATRICK pled guilty to two counts of mail fraud. Each count carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and the greater of a \$250,000 fine or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime. In addition, the Court can order restitution.

PATRICK, 39, lives in Manhattan.

PATRICK is scheduled to be sentenced by United States District Judge GEORGE B. DANIELS on APRIL 1, 2004, at 10 p.m.

Assistant United States Attorney SERENE K. NAKANO is in charge of the prosecution.

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