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**DOI INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF CITY CORRECTION OFFICER ON CHARGES OF
SMUGGLING CONTRABAND ONTO RIKERS INCLUDING SCALPELS, SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA AND NARCOTICS**

MARK G. PETERS, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest of a City Correction Officer late Tuesday, November 24, 2015, on charges of trafficking contraband – specifically drugs and weapons – into the Anna M. Kross Center ("AMKC") on Rikers Island. Based on intelligence, DOI requested the City Department of Correction ("DOC") conduct heightened screening during the 3 p.m. shift change at AMKC yesterday. As a result, Correction Officer KEVIN MCKOY was found carrying in 16 packages concealed in the lower part of his pants that contained seven scalpels, suspected synthetic marijuana, and 10 strips of suboxone, a narcotic. The synthetic marijuana was wrapped in latex fingers and each scalpel blade was wrapped in black tape and buried inside the synthetic marijuana. DOI also searched MCKOY's car parked in Queens and his home in Brooklyn, finding a plethora of drugs and other contraband at each site. In MCKOY's car, investigators found organic marijuana and a knife, and at his Brooklyn home an array of contraband was recovered, specifically nine scalpels, one glassine bag of cocaine, 18 strips of suboxone, synthetic marijuana, and loose tobacco – all of which investigators believe was being prepared to be smuggled into Rikers. DOI has arrested two dozen Correction Officers and DOC staff on a variety of charges since 2014, including on contraband smuggling charges.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "This arrest continues DOI's focus on stopping one of the root causes of violence at Rikers – the flow of weapons and drugs, particularly by correction officers. Law enforcement professionals who choose to bring in weapons and drugs are fueling the illegal and dangerous activity that is hurting other correction officers and undermining safety in the City's jails. It must stop and DOI will work with its partners to make sure it does."

MCKOY, 30, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested on one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony; 17 counts of Promoting Prison Contraband in the First Degree, a class D felony; one count each of Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree, class D felonies; and related class A misdemeanors. These arrest charges are pending review by the Bronx County District Attorney's Office.

MCKOY has been employed by DOC since September 2012 and was receiving an annual base salary of approximately \$46,785 at the time of his arrest. He has been suspended.

The following is a breakdown of the contraband recovered on MCKOY, in his car and at his home:

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Recovered on MCKOY as he entered AMKC: 120.5 grams of green-colored synthetic marijuana, 5.9 grams of pink colored synthetic marijuana, 10 suboxone strips, seven scalpel blades.

Recovered from MCKOY's vehicle parked in Queens: 247 grams of organic marijuana.

Recovered from MCKOY's Brooklyn residence: 87.8 grams of green-colored synthetic marijuana, 13.7 grams of pink-colored synthetic marijuana, 18 suboxone strips, nine scalpel blades, ½ gram of cocaine and 58.4 grams of loose tobacco.

Photos of the recoveries are attached to this release.

DOI Commissioner Peters thanked DOC Commissioner Joseph Ponte and Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson, and their staffs, especially DOC Bureau Chief of Security Hazel Jennings, for their cooperation and assistance in this investigation.

DOI's Office of the Inspector General for DOC investigated this case, under the supervision of First Deputy Inspector General Chin Ho Cheng, Senior Inspector General Jennifer Sculco, Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Michael Carroll and First Deputy Commissioner Lesley Brovner.

Supervising Assistant District Attorney Lawrence D. Piergrossi from the Bronx County District Attorney's Office is prosecuting this case.

Arrest charges are accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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**Contraband recovered on November 24, 2015 from the Correction Officer
as he walked into the Anna M. Kross Center on Rikers Island
and in his car parked in Queens**





A close up of the seven scalpel blades concealed in synthetic marijuana and recovered on the Correction Officer as he walked into the Anna M. Kross Center on Rikers Island Tuesday afternoon, November 24, 2015





The contraband recovered on November 24, 2015 from the Correction Officer's car that was parked in Queens, specifically organic marijuana wrapped in tape and packed in iced tea bottles





**Synthetic marijuana packaged in latex fingers recovered
from the Correction Officer's Brooklyn home late Tuesday, November 24, 2015**





All of the contraband recovered from the Correction Officer's Brooklyn home late Tuesday, November 24, 2015, including synthetic marijuana, suboxone, cocaine, a knife and nine scalpels; and the knife recovered from his car on the same day





The array of contraband recovered on November 24, 2015 on the Correction Officer, in his car parked in Queens, and at his Brooklyn home, including 16 scalpels, a knife, synthetic and organic marijuana, cocaine and suboxone

