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JOINT STATEMENT BY MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY CYRUS R. VANCE, JR., AND DOI COMMISSIONER MARK G. PETERS ON SENTENCING OF HARCO CONSTRUCTION

“The trial conviction of Harco Construction, LLC, stands out in recent New York City history as an important instance in which a company is held criminally responsible for the death of a worker at its site. This [conviction](#) sends the message that general contractors cannot avoid criminal responsibility for worker safety, even if the workers are not the employees. While we believe that the conviction alone should deter future negligence, unfortunately, the penalties that corporations face are modest and not commensurate with the harm caused, especially when an innocent worker like Carlos Moncayo dies. Stiffer penalties, such as ones specifically related to corporate conduct leading to death and serious physical injury, are needed to deter criminal conduct and protect the integrity of the construction industry.”

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