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## **STATEMENT ON DEATH IN CUSTODY THIS PAST WEEKEND**

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The Board of Correction is deeply saddened by the death of Marvin Pines, marking the first death in New York City Department of Correction (“DOC”) custody in 2023. Mr. Pines, 65, died on February 4, 2023, at approximately 6:18 am, following a medical emergency while in DOC custody. Mr. Pines had been in custody since August 3, 2022, and he was housed in the North Infirmary Command at the time of his death. Mr. Pines left behind his daughter, his girlfriend, and other loved ones. We express our condolences to his family, friends, and community during this difficult time.

The Board is investigating Mr. Pines’ death and will convene the Department of Correction and Correctional Health Services (“CHS”), together, to examine the circumstances leading up to the death. We will report our findings with recommendations to both agencies to prevent future tragedies.

The Board of Correction remains dedicated to fulfilling its City Charter and legal mandates to investigate serious injuries, near deaths, and deaths, toward the end of addressing systemic issues that can lead to such events.