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**COOK WITH CITY CORRECTION DEPARTMENT IS SENTENCED TO JAIL
FOR SMUGGLING PURPORTED DRUGS**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), issued the following statement on the jail sentence of GEORGE THOMPSON, 59, for his role in a contraband smuggling scheme. THOMPSON, a cook for the City Department of Correction (“DOC”), pleaded guilty earlier this year to Bribe Receiving in the Third Degree, a class D felony, and was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Judge Steven Barrett to between 2 1/3 and seven years in jail. The office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “City Correction employees taking payoffs to deliver contraband to inmates are on a short road, jeopardizing their freedom and City careers. This sentence demonstrates that any individual who undermines the integrity of the City jails faces serious consequences.”

THOMPSON received \$500 in January 2011 to smuggle tobacco and a small quantity of pills he believed were oxycodone into George Motchan Detention Center (“GMDC”) and received an additional \$500 in February 2011 and \$600 more in March 2011 to smuggle, on both occasions, numerous purported oxycodone pills into the facility.

THOMPSON has been suspended from DOC since his arrest in June 2011. He has been employed at DOC since April 2009, and receives an annual base salary of approximately \$34,898.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schiro and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for the DOC.

Assistant District Attorney Robert Caliendo of the Bronx County District Attorney’s Rackets Bureau prosecuted the case, under the supervision of Investigations Division Chief Thomas L. Leahy and Rackets Bureau Chief Stuart P. Levy.

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