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**DOI STATEMENT ON PRISON SENTENCE OF FORMER CORRECTION OFFICER WHO PROMISED TO
SECURE AN INMATE'S EARLY RELEASE IN EXCHANGE FOR \$100,000 IN COCAINE**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on the eight-year prison sentence for ROBERT WHITFIELD, a former Correction Officer with the City Department of Correction ("DOC"). WHITFIELD was convicted in May 2013 on charges of drug possession, conspiracy, bribery and official misconduct for his promise to secure an inmate's early release in exchange for \$100,000 in cocaine. The inmate was not in fact released. DOI conducted the investigation jointly with the Drug Enforcement Administration's ("DEA's") New York Division, and the New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force. The Office of Bridget G. Brennan, Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York, prosecuted the case. WHITFIELD was sentenced today by Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Bonnie G. Wittner.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This case uncovered a corrupt Correction Officer's plot to enrich himself with a toxic mix of dangerous drugs, bribery, and the promised illegal release of a convicted inmate. His prison sentence reflects the depravity of his misconduct as a public servant and the serious consequences of that kind of corruption."

WHITFIELD, 51, of Queens, N.Y., was arrested on April 5, 2011 and retired shortly afterward. He had been a City Correction Officer since March 1990 and received a base salary of \$76,488.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Bridget G. Brennan, Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York, DEA Special Agent in Charge John P. Gilbride, City Department of Correction Commissioner Dora B. Schriro, and their staffs, and DEA's New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force, which is comprised of agents from federal, state, and local law enforcement, for their partnership in this investigation.

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