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**MEDIA COMPANY OWNER SENTENCED IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT
FOR STEALING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS
IN CITY FUNDS FROM NYC-TV**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and ROSE GILL HEARN, the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today that VINCENT R. TAYLOR, the owner of VRT Multimedia, Inc. was sentenced today to four months in prison and four months of home confinement. TAYLOR previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud on November 9, 2009, before United States District Judge HAROLD BAER, JR.

As alleged in the Complaint previously filed in Manhattan federal court and the Indictment to which TAYLOR pleaded guilty:

Until March 13, 2009, co-defendant TREVOR SCOTLAND was the Chief Operating Officer of NYC-TV, a television station operated and funded in part by New York City. As part of its operations, NYC-TV produced commercials for advertisers to be aired during its television programming. On a number of occasions between March 2007 through April 2008, SCOTLAND directed that TAYLOR be paid for advertising production work that was actually done by NYC-TV.

After VRT was paid for the work, TAYLOR issued checks drawn on a bank account in the name of VRT directly to SCOTLAND, or issued checks to make payments on two different credit cards in SCOTLAND's name. These payments to SCOTLAND typically totaled approximately 80 percent of the money VRT had received from the advertisers. TAYLOR kept the remainder of the money, typically approximately 20 percent of the money VRT had received from the advertisers, even though VRT had done none of the relevant

production work. The money TAYLOR and SCOTLAND stole from NYC-TV totaled more than \$60,000.

In addition to the prison term, Judge BAER sentenced TAYLOR, 51, to three years of supervised release and ordered him to pay restitution in the amount of over \$13,000.

On March 4, 2010, SCOTLAND was sentenced to 15 months in prison by United States District Judge PAUL A. CROTTY.

U.S. Attorney PREET BHARARA stated: "As owner of his company, Vincent Taylor abused his position to embellish his life style by taking more than \$60,000 from the City's taxpayers. Today's prison sentence is the ultimate cost of Taylor's greedy actions. Together with our partners at the Department of Investigation, this Office will continue to pursue those who steal from New York City's coffers."

DOI Commissioner ROSE GILL HEARN stated: "This story about fraud and greed, in which the City taxpayers wound up the victims, has justly ended with prison sentences for both defendants. This case should be a warning to individuals who seek to steal money from the City that their schemes will be exposed and prosecuted, and they risk serious consequences, including their freedom. This case and these results are due to the strong partnership between DOI and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, which will continue to root out this type of public corruption."

Mr. BHARARA praised the investigative work of DOI.

The case is being prosecuted by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorney BRENT WIBLE is in charge of the prosecution.

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