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**DOI STATEMENT ON THREE-MONTH PRISON SENTENCE OF FORMER QUEENS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
FOR MAKING ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TO A FORMER LABOR LEADER**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement regarding today's sentencing of SANTO PETROCELLI, SR., to three months in prison, followed by two years of supervised release, for making illegal payments to Brian McLaughlin, a former labor representative with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. PETROCELLI, the former owner of Petrocelli Electric Company, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. In July 2009, PETROCELLI pleaded guilty to making an unlawful payment to a labor representative. The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This defendant only bought himself trouble when he doled out tens-of-thousands of dollars in illegal payments to a former labor leader and State assemblyman. Today's sentencing underscores the important message: City contractors who choose to engage in fraud not only risk arrest and prosecution but also their business with the City and, potentially, their freedom. DOI and its federal law enforcement partners worked tirelessly on this wide-ranging investigation to expose the corruption and shut it down."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; Joseph M. Demarest Jr., Assistant Director-in-Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New York Field Division; and Daniel R. Petrole, Acting Inspector General of the United States Department of Labor, and their staffs, for their joint work on this investigation.

DOI is one of the oldest law-enforcement agencies in the country. The agency investigates and refers for prosecution City employees and contractors engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities or unethical conduct. Investigations may involve any agency, officer, elected official or employee of the City, as well as those who do business with or receive benefits from the City.

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