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DOI STATEMENT ON FORMER CRANE INSPECTOR'S GUILTY PLEA IN BRIBERY SCHEME

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's guilty plea by JAMES DELAYO, a former Assistant Chief Inspector with the City Department of Buildings ("DOB"), Division of Cranes and Derricks, to Bribe Receiving in the Second Degree, a class C felony, for selling the DOB crane exam for a class C license, passing applicants who did not take the class C crane practical test and falsifying crane inspection reports in exchange for more than \$10,000 in bribes. DELAYO entered his plea before Judge Thomas A. Farber in New York County Supreme Court and is scheduled to be sentenced on May 4, 2010. The office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "As a former City crane inspector, this defendant was paid and obligated to safeguard the public. Instead, he sold out and compromised public safety for tainted cash. The price of his criminal conduct keeps rising: arrest, criminal prosecution, a tarnished 28-year City career that ended in disgrace, and, today, a felony conviction. This case reaffirms DOI's and the City's commitment to rooting out corruption and calling those responsible to account. We will continue to join forces with the Manhattan District Attorney to enforce the laws that demand integrity in public service and safety in the construction industry."

The cases against DELAYO's co-defendants, Michael Sackaris, Michael Pascalli and Nu-Way Crane Service Inc. are pending.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., and DOB Commissioner Robert D. LiMandri and their staffs for their assistance in this case.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for DOB.

An indictment is an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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