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**STATEMENT FROM DOI**

In general, investigations take time and dogged persistence. They can take months or years. The schemes can be complex and, by their nature, difficult to unravel and disentangle. DOI is an investigative agency but is not a prosecuting agency. Only prosecutors can file indictments in court. DOI takes pride in the fact that it quickly refers matters to prosecutors and works with them and, when appropriate, with other investigative agencies in the course of an investigation. DOI regularly advocates and presses prosecutors and other partners in law enforcement like the FBI to accept, investigate, and quickly prosecute City-related cases in the public's interest.

The Mayor learned early in his first term that there was an investigation but he did not/does not have specific details, and he was kept abreast that it was proceeding. DOI has a responsibility to tell him of such an investigation. But DOI has a responsibility not to disclose details. So while the Mayor was aware of the case, because this is an on-going investigation that has to run its course, there was/is nothing the Mayor could do while there was an investigation being conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office. No charges have been filed, that is up to the U.S. Attorney's Office to do. Therefore, any reports that purport to specify what the case is about are sheer speculation and have not been confirmed by DOI or the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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