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**STATEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN
REGARDING THE SENTENCING OF FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE IMEH JONES**

Imeh Jones, the former Fiscal Administrator of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DOHMH) Maternal, Infant and Reproductive Health Program, was sentenced today to 18 months in jail.

Mr. Jones pleaded guilty in June 2004 to embezzling nearly \$200,000 in DOHMH funds by generating fraudulent overpayments to two vendors and having the vendors return the overpayments in checks that Jones cashed. Jones also generated approximately 40 fraudulent invoices and bills from a fictitious catering company he created for services never rendered. Jones also admitted that he stole six laptop computers, two desktop computers and other computer equipment. As part of the plea, Jones agreed to pay \$186,102 in restitution and return the stolen equipment.

Mr. Jones had a fiduciary responsibility to the people of New York — he took advantage of that role and betrayed the public's trust. This case should serve as a strong warning to others who would consider engaging in this kind of conduct. DOI will investigate and make sure that such misconduct is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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