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**STATEMENT OF DOI COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN ON THE GUILTY PLEA
OF MICHAEL MASTROMARINO IN CONNECTION WITH THE HARVESTING OF BODY TISSUE
FROM THE DEAD EVEN THOUGH CONSENT HAD NEVER BEEN GIVEN**

Today's guilty plea underscores the macabre crimes perpetrated by Mr. Mastromarino. DOI worked tirelessly with the Brooklyn District Attorney and the NYPD to unravel this defendant's role in a ghoulish scheme to make money off of people's body parts. The criminal conduct displayed in this case is about cold, calculating greed that exploited grief-stricken relatives who thought they could trust their loved-one's body to be treated with respect. My thoughts are with the individuals victimized by these criminal acts.

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