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**STATEMENT FROM DOI COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN ON THE THIRD
INDICTMENT OF FORMER DOC BUREAU CHIEF ANTHONY SERRA**

“The evidence collected in late 2002 and early 2003 revealed Anthony Serra’s systemic violations of the City’s conflict of interest laws, including his wide-scale requests to Department of Correction employees and subordinates to do work for his personal business venture providing services to political campaigns. Serra used a City agency and its employees to advance his personal business and he earned a lot of money in the process.

Today’s indictment follows charges filed against him in 2003 that allege he misappropriated Correction property and equipment (e.g., TVs, computers, furniture, tools, etc.) and had a cadre of Correction subordinates work at his house doing chores, installing a kitchen and bathroom, landscaping, driving his wife and kids around, all on agency time.

All of these charges are the result of an extensive investigation that included DOI’s Inspector General for the Department of Correction. The Inspector General conducted hundreds of interviews, and collected and analyzed numerous documents and evidence from seized computers and Serra’s home.”

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