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**STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION ("DOI") COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN
ON SENTENCING OF MICHAEL MASTROMARINO FOR TISSUE HARVESTING SCHEME**

MICHAEL MASTROMARINO'S prison sentence concludes one of the saddest cases imaginable in its impact on thousands of innocent families.

At DOI, we have discovered and exposed countless criminal schemes devised to steal money and property from the public till and from individuals, but we've found nothing that compares to the cynicism and callousness that this investigation uncovered.

Because MASTROMARINO'S prison sentence brings about a measure of justice for his victims, we are gratified by it.

I thank Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly and their staffs for requesting DOI's assistance in this investigation, and I commend DOI's Deputy Inspector General Stephan Zander and the members of DOI's Investigative Squad for their contributions to this steadfast and essential law enforcement effort.

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