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DOI STATEMENT ON PRISON SENTENCE OF CRANE OWNER FOR BRIBING A FORMER CITY CRANE INSPECTOR

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on the sentencing today of MICHAEL SACKARIS, owner of NU-WAY CRANE SERVICE INC., to two to six years in State prison for bribery of former Assistant Chief City Cranes Inspector James Delayo. Delayo filed false paperwork with the City Department of Buildings ("DOB") regarding inspections of NU-WAY cranes, provided SACKARIS and NU-WAY with advance copies of a written City crane licensing exam, and filed documents falsely indicating that NU-WAY employee Michael Pascalli had passed a practical exam that Pascalli had never taken. Judge Thomas A. Farber sentenced the defendant in New York County Supreme Court. The office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This business owner thought bribery was the cheapest way around safety regulations. He now faces prison time. That lesson was also absorbed by the bribe receiver, who also received a prison term and lost his City job. Any business operator or City employee tempted to take the crooked path around the rules would do well to stop and think about where this path ended. DOI thanks and congratulates Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. and his staff for this successful prosecution, and we thank DOB Commissioner Robert D. LiMandri and his staff for their assistance in the investigation."

In May 2010, SACKARIS and NU-WAY pleaded guilty to Bribery in the Second Degree, and Pascalli pleaded guilty to Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the Second Degree, a class A misdemeanor. In March 2010, Delayo pleaded guilty to Bribe Receiving in the Second Degree, a class C felony, and he was sentenced this past June to two to six years in prison. In July 2010, Pascalli was sentenced to three years of probation and NU-WAY CRANE SERVICE INC. was sentenced to a conditional discharge and ordered to pay \$10,000 in forfeiture.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for DOB.

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