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**STATEMENT FROM DOI COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN REGARDING  
CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST FORMER EMPLOYEES OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S INC.**

I am pleased to learn that Westchester District Attorney Jeannine Pirro has filed charges against six former supervisors of St. Christopher's, Inc., which DOI investigated last year. In January 2005, DOI announced findings of an investigation that revealed that some employees of St. Christopher's, Inc. a Dobbs Ferry, New York-based not-for-profit, had engaged in a deliberate process of changing, enhancing, creating and falsifying significant portions of foster care files in order to deceive the New York City Administration for Children's Services in an annual audit/review of those records. ACS canceled more than \$86 million in contracts with St. Christopher's.

The DOI investigation found that the calculated efforts of some St. Christopher's employees to fabricate or falsify foster case files from 2003, made it difficult or impossible for ACS to determine whether St. Christopher's was fulfilling its responsibilities in overseeing the children in its care. The actions of certain staff members and supervisors, as outlined in the DOI report, called into question the integrity of not only the 50 case records selected by ACS for review, but every St. Christopher's FBH case record.

The City's overwhelming concern with this matter was for the health and well-being of the children under St. Christopher's care. The children and families of the City of New York expect the very highest level of integrity from the City and its contract partners. The falsification of these vital foster care records by some employees of St. Christopher's compromised ACS's ability to ensure the safety and well-being of foster care kids.

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