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**EX-CITY HEALTH OFFICIAL SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR EMBEZZLING FROM HIS AGENCY**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and ROSE GILL HEARN, the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation, announced that IMEH JONES was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment in Manhattan federal court today for his role in an embezzlement scheme. In addition, he was ordered to pay \$154,924 in restitution.

According to court records, from 1993 to 2002, JONES was the Fiscal Administrator of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maternal, Infant and Reproductive Health Program ("DOH").

From 1999 through 2002, JONES embezzled more than \$120,000 worth of money and property from the DOH by, among other means, generating fraudulent bills from a fictional contractor and issuing payments for them, intentionally overpaying legitimate bills and then diverting the subsequent reimbursements from the contractors into his own accounts, and taking various computers and other office equipment for his own use, according to the charges.

JONES pled guilty to four counts of embezzling on June 29, 2004.

Mr. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts of the New York City Department of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys KAREN B. KONIGSBERG and W.S. WILSON LEUNG are in charge of the prosecution.

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