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**NEW YORK SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE PLEADS
GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT TO ACCEPTING BRIBES**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, MARK J. MERSHON, the Assistant Director in charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation, and ELIOT SPITZER, New York State Attorney General, announced that WINSTON DAVIS, a Project Officer with the New York State School Construction Authority ("SCA") pled guilty late Friday before United States District Judge JOHN G. KOELTL to a one-count felony Information charging him with accepting bribes in connection with SCA public school construction projects.

DAVIS, 51, admitted during his guilty plea that between January 2002 and October 19, 2004, DAVIS, a Project Officer for construction at PS 152X in the Bronx, accepted cash bribes in exchange for approving requests for payment from a contractor working on a construction contract at that school. DAVIS admitted that he accepted more than \$11,500 in cash bribes and that the bribe payments influenced him to approve requests for payment which caused financial losses to the City of New York.

As a result of his guilty plea, DAVIS faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for June 2, 2006 at 9:30 am, also before Judge KOELTL.

Mr. GARCIA praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and thanked the New York City Department of Investigation, New York State Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force for its cooperation in this case.

Assistant United States Attorney JANE A. LEVINE is in charge of the prosecution.