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STATEMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION

This morning, the Court of Appeals declined to hear Guy Velella's appeal of a ruling that sent him back to jail last week.

DOI's criminal investigation of the circumstances surrounding the early release of Guy Velella, Hector Del Toro and Manny Gonzalez is ongoing.

In early November, DOI issued a 32-page report describing the procedures by which the former Local Conditional Release Commission (LCRC) followed in the early release of the Guy Velella, Hector Del Toro and Manny Gonzalez. That report was utilized by the current LCRC and the Law Department, which issued an opinion concluding that the early release of the petitioners was illegal. The report has also been utilized in the ensuing court proceedings.

You may read the report at www.nyc.gov/doi.

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