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THREE DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DEFRAUDING CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NYC'S AUTOMATED TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM

MARK G. PETERS, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's sentencing of three defendants guilty of crimes committed in connection with the development of the City's automated timekeeping system known as CityTime. MARK MAZER, 50, GERARD DENAULT, 52; and DIMITRY ARONSHTEIN, 53, were each sentenced to 20 years in prison. On November 22, 2013, the three men were convicted by a federal jury. Today, they were sentenced in Manhattan federal court before U.S. District Judge George B. Daniels. DOI investigated and the office of Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "Today's sentencing shows these one-time City vendors for what they are: common crooks who pocketed public funds."

The results of DOI's CityTime investigation to date include:

- \$500 million recovered by the City from the prime vendor on the project through a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York;
- an additional \$40 million in cash seized or frozen from more than 130 bank accounts;
- eight individuals convicted of federal crimes;
- three individuals sentenced to prison so far.

Commissioner Peters thanked Preet Bharara, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and his team of hard-working prosecutors, in particular, Assistant United States Attorneys Howard Master and Andrew Goldstein, for their partnership on this successful investigation and prosecution.

DOI is one of the oldest law-enforcement agencies in the country. The agency investigates and refers for prosecution City employees and contractors engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities or unethical conduct. Investigations may involve any agency, officer, elected official or employee of the City, as well as those who do business with or receive benefits from the City.