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### **STATEMENT FROM DOI COMMISSIONER MARK G. PETERS**

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "Earlier today, the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) sent a request to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for access to records from the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) regarding Jaden Jordan, the three-year old who suffered life-threatening injuries earlier this week. Since the release in May 2016 of DOI's report that focused on ACS's investigatory and foster care oversight failures, DOI has continued to request numerous ACS records on specific child protective investigations and foster care oversight. As the Inspector General for ACS, DOI independently reviews child fatalities/near fatalities of ACS-involved children. DOI has been actively investigating whether some or all of these cases were lawfully handled by ACS, whether there continue to be systemic and preventable problems at ACS that place children in danger, and whether ACS has implemented necessary changes noted in DOI's prior reviews. DOI's historical work in this area gives us a broad and informed foundation from which to conduct this ongoing investigation. DOI will issue a public report at its conclusion."

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