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**DOI INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN GUILTY PLEA BY A CITY CORRECTION OFFICER
FOR MISREPRESENTATIONS ABOUT HIS ABSENCE FROM HIS POST**

Jocelyn E. Strauber, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced today the arrest and guilty plea of a Correction Officer with the City Department of Correction (“DOC”) on an Official Misconduct charge. DOI’s investigation was prompted by a DOC report to DOI that the Correction Officer filed internal documentation in which the Officer stated that he failed to show up at post in March 2021 because a supervisor followed him into the men’s locker room while shouting at him. The Office of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg is prosecuting this matter.

GORETTI BOYER, 37, of Baldwin, N.Y., was charged with Official Misconduct, a class A misdemeanor, and pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement. Upon conviction, a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in jail. The plea agreement requires that BOYER resign from DOC.

DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said, “This soon-to-be former Correction Officer falsified a document in an effort to excuse his failure to do his job. This misconduct and lack of integrity on the part of a City employee is unacceptable and the plea agreement appropriately requires Boyer to resign from his position at the Department of Correction. I thank the Department of Correction for bringing this matter to our attention, and for partnering with us, and with the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, on this investigation.”

According to the criminal complaint and DOI’s investigation, BOYER did not report to his post on the morning of March 19, 2021 and was instructed to provide an explanation. BOYER told his Captain that he did not show up at post because a supervisor was screaming and shouting at him. BOYER also filed with DOC an official intradepartmental report known as a “600AR” in which BOYER stated that he went to the men’s locker room and was followed by a supervisor who was screaming and shouting at him. A correction officer may be directed to complete a 600AR to account for a breach of discipline or a failure to perform his or her duties. DOI investigators reviewed video footage of the incident which showed, contrary to BOYER’s statements, that BOYER spoke with a female supervisor for just over a minute, and subsequently walked down a hallway and into the men’s locker room; the supervisor did not follow BOYER.

BOYER was employed by DOC since August 2009 and receives an annual base salary of approximately \$92,073.

Commissioner Strauber thanked Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg and his staff for their prosecution of this matter; and DOC Commissioner Louis A. Molina, and his staff, for their cooperation in this investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, specifically Assistant District Attorney Karl Mulloney-Radke, under the supervision of Nicholas Viorst, Chief of the of the Police Integrity and Accountability Unit.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Correction, specifically DOC Captain Lawrence Bond, under the supervision of Inspector General Whitney Ferguson, Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Dominick Zarrella and First Deputy Commissioner Daniel Cort.

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