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STATEMENT FROM DOI COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN ON TODAY'S SENTENCING OF A FORMER FIREFIGHTER FOR HIS ROLE IN SETTING FIRE TO A MANHATTAN FIREHOUSE

- *Michael Izzo was sentenced today to between 1 and 3 years.*
- *Last month, Richard Capece was sentenced to 5 months and 100 hours of community service for his role in setting the fire.*

The quick and meticulous work by investigators from the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI") and Fire Marshals from the New York City Fire Department ("FDNY") culminated in today's sentencing of former firefighter Michael Izzo and last month's sentencing of former firefighter Richard Capece. DOI and FDNY Fire Marshals were able to make swift arrests involving an incident that could have caused grave injuries. No one should mistake the actions for which Capece and Izzo have been sentenced as a light-hearted prank. In fact, it was criminal. The City expects more from those entrusted with protecting communities from fires. In this case, that trust was violated.

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