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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS CASE MANAGER CHARGED
IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT WITH CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT
BRIBERY AND CONTRABAND SMUGGLING**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and JAMES E. TOMLINSON, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Office of the Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General ("DOJ-OIG"), announced today that NYDIA CIANCIOSO, a Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") Case Manager at the Metropolitan Correctional Center ("MCC") in New York, New York, was arrested earlier today and charged with participating in a conspiracy to accept bribes and to provide contraband to a prisoner. CIANCIOSO is expected to be presented before United States Magistrate Judge James C. Francis IV later today.

According to the Complaint filed today in Manhattan federal court:

NYDIA CIANCIOSO, the defendant, has been employed as a Case Manager at the Metropolitan Correctional Center ("MCC") since July 2003. As alleged in the Complaint, from at least March 2011 through July 15, 2011, CIANCIOSO accepted payments in exchange for providing inmates with contraband. Among other things, she conspired to provide cellular telephones and an unauthorized compact disc to inmates.

At the request of law enforcement, a cooperating witness ("CW-1") recently asked a particular inmate ("Inmate-1") for his assistance in obtaining a cellular telephone in violation of MCC policy. Inmate-1 agreed, and directed CW-1 to have his associate deliver \$2,500 in cash to an associate of Inmate-1's ("CC-1"). Yesterday, July 14, 2011, an undercover officer acting

as CW-1's associate delivered the \$2,500 to CC-1. When questioned by law enforcement, CC-1 admitted that CC-1 was going to deliver the money to the woman ultimately identified as CIANCIOSO. CC-1 also explained that on at least four prior occasions, CC-1 had delivered cash ranging from \$400 to \$1,500 to CIANCIOSO so that she could assist in smuggling contraband into the MCC. This morning, under the direction and supervision of law enforcement, CC-1 delivered the \$2,500 in cash to CIANCIOSO. After she received the money, CIANCIOSO was arrested.

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CIANCIOSO, 41, of Nassau County, New York, is charged with one count of participating in a conspiracy to accept bribes and to provide contraband to a prisoner. She faces a statutory maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Mr. Bharara praised the work of the DOJ-OIG and thanked the BOP for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation of this case.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorney BRIAN A. JACOBS is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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