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STATEMENT BY NEW YORK STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL CATHERINE LEAHY SCOTT ON JOYCE MITCHELL'S RESTITUTION

“Joyce Mitchell’s criminal acts as a former prison employee make her as responsible for the prison break’s impact on New Yorkers as the two convicted murderers who escaped into the community last June. By taking advantage of the systemic breakdown of security procedures at the prison, she provided the encouragement and all the tools the inmates needed to make their escape, and a restitution agreement as allowed by law, as well as her time incarcerated, is not only appropriate but necessary.”