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STATEMENT BY NEW YORK STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL CATHERINE LEAHY SCOTT ON GENE PALMER'S GUILTY PLEA

“This disgraced corrections officer’s disregard for the laws and rules guiding his profession underscores his criminal culpability in the systemic breakdown of security that led to last summer’s escape of two convicted killers. His actions made him a key enabler for the convicts’ escape plans and helped illuminate many of the procedural failures throughout Clinton Correctional Facility that I have been thoroughly investigating to help make sure it never happens again.”

For an audio file of Inspector General Leahy Scott’s statement, click [HERE](#)