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**ELEVEN INMATES ARRESTED THIS WEEK AS A RESULT OF JOINT OPERATION BY
DEPARTMENTS OF INVESTIGATION AND CORRECTION ON RIKERS ISLAND**

MARK G. PETERS, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), and JOSEPH PONTE, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction (DOC), issued the following statement on the arrest of 11 inmates this week. A search for contraband on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at the Anna M. Kross Center (AMKC) on Rikers Island resulted in the arrests of two inmates on charges of promoting prison contraband and criminal possession of a weapon for concealing metal shanks on themselves, which were found during the search. In addition, DOC's Gang Intelligence Unit in partnership with DOI moved forward on the arrests of nine additional inmates housed in Robert N. Davoren Complex (RNDC), Otis Bantum Correctional Center (OBCC), and George R. Vierno Center (GRVC) for an array of allegations, including an inmate spitting in a Correction Officer's face, multiple inmates involved in a fight, and the assault this week of a Correction Officer by an inmate.

This is the latest development in DOI's ongoing investigation into violence, smuggling, and evidence tampering on Rikers Island, and follows the arrest Wednesday, July 9, 2014, of a DOC Captain and two Correction Officers on charges of attempted assault of an inmate and falsifying DOC records to cover up those actions. To date, more than 30 inmates and nine correctional staff (1 Captain and eight Correction Officers) have been charged as part of this investigation. These investigative actions are integral to further shoring up a safer environment for correctional staff and inmates, maintaining order and civil authority in the jails, and exposing deception by law enforcement officers and inmates – all of which can undermine the secure and efficient operation of the City's correction system and justice.

An investigation and arrest charges are accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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