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STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

"This Office is, as Jeanine Pirro said today, investigating allegations recently brought to our attention by other law enforcement agencies, involving possible violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2511(1)(a) and (b). There are two Assistant United States Attorneys assigned to the case. They are both career prosecutors with experience in public corruption matters. They are working in conjunction with an experienced Assistant District Attorney from the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. Their actions, and those of the FBI agents with whom they are working, have been approved by several layers of supervisors, including me. Because the investigation is ongoing, we will not comment as to its substance, except to say that we do not take politics into account in deciding either the subject matter or timing of our investigations," stated Michael J. Garcia, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

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