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Statement by New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott Regarding Sentencing of Clinton Correctional Facility Escape Accomplice Joyce Mitchell

Despite attempts to minimize her own culpability, Ms. Mitchell is not a victim but a convicted felon now sentenced to serve time in prison. She is responsible for the weeks of fear the community endured. She is also responsible for damages and costs incurred as a result of her criminal conduct. My investigation will detail how this defendant spent months assisting two cold-blooded killers plan and execute their escape by providing the tools they needed; devising elaborate getaway plans; and purposefully misleading law enforcement as two murderers evaded capture. With criminal intent, she used her position to abuse and manipulate systemic security lapses at the Clinton Correctional Facility. I will continue to assist District Attorney Wylie and provide to the Court on behalf of the State of New York clear evidence of the damages for which she is responsible.

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