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## **STATEMENT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL CATHERINE LEAHY SCOTT ON THE GUILTY PLEA OF FORMER SUNY UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. DAVID SMITH**

“Once a top executive at a premier medical school and now a convicted criminal, this defendant shamelessly corrupted his position of trust and exploited the university’s lax oversight for an extraordinary theft. Dr. Smith improperly manipulated and siphoned from numerous funding streams under his control, and my investigation is continuing to help ensure such foul play can never happen again. It is now clear that his primary role of ensuring the highest quality education for students and care for patients was at best secondary to his cynical schemes to illicitly pad his income. I thank Attorney General Barbara Underwood and her office for their work on this case.”

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