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From New York State Inspector General  
**Catherine Leahy Scott**

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## **STATEMENT FROM NEW YORK STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL CATHERINE LEAHY SCOTT ON THE SENTENCING OF DAVID SWEAT**

“This cold-blooded murderer exploited systemic lapses in Clinton Correctional Facility’s security procedures so he and another could escape last summer, terrorizing New York communities for weeks on end. I am convinced he would try it again if given the opportunity. Through my investigation and recommended reforms, I remain committed to making certain that such extraordinary failures in security never recur and that this convict’s concurrent sentences, as well as those of other inmates throughout New York State, are served securely behind prison walls.”

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For an audio clip of Inspector General Leahy Scott’s statement, [click here](#).

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