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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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New York State Department of Corrections
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1220 Washington Avenue
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Re: NYS IG 3198-316-2018 and
3482-316-2018

Dear Acting Commissioner Annucci:

As you know, the Office of the New York State Inspector General is investigating alleged misconduct by members of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's (DOCCS) Office of Special Investigations' and Special Operations' canine units. During the course of this ongoing investigation, it was found that on several occasions, a male senior investigator, acting alone, isolated a female visitor to a correctional facility in a room and attempted to secure suspected contraband, which had been secreted in intimate and personal areas. Such actions are in violation of DOCCS Directive 4403 section VI—Inmate Visitor Program, Search Procedures.

Given this interim finding, DOCCS should immediately ensure that its staff is aware of and abides by provisions contained in Directive 4403, particularly those addressing search procedures for correctional facility visitors and mandating that same-sex personnel conduct visitor searches in specified situations.

Sincerely,



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Inspector General

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