



October 15, 2021

Jose L. Nieves, Esq.
Chair
New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics
540 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207

Re: Addolorato, Robert
Hill, Steven

Dear Chair Nieves:

On October 7, 2021, the Offices of the New York State Inspector General (OIG), while conducting a routine monthly audit of staff's internal access to the eJusticeNY application, discovered evidence of possible unauthorized accessing of this system.¹ Specifically, the audit of staff access to the eJusticeNY application discovered that a criminal history record had been run for a family member not listed in the Inspector General's case tracking database and this access had been attributed to a case number for a six-year-old case, to which the investigator was not assigned.

OIG conducted an internal review of this matter and found that on September 13, 2021, Deputy Chief Robert Addolorato directed his subordinate, Investigator Steven Hill, to access eJusticeNY in order to obtain the criminal history record of [REDACTED]. Additionally, the review found that Hill, again at the direction of Addolorato, attributed his access of the system to a case number for an unrelated historical 2015 investigation. Both Addolorato and Hill, when confronted, admitted to this misconduct. [REDACTED]

As the actions of Addolorato and Hill may be in violation of New York State Public Officers Law, I am providing the findings of this internal review to the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics for any action it deems appropriate.

¹ The eJusticeNY application, which is hosted by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, provides criminal history information to the Inspector General pursuant to a Use and Dissemination Agreement. Access to and use of information from the eJusticeNY application is strictly delineated by this agreement and any personal use is prohibited. The Inspector General enforces this agreement through longstanding policy and procedures and provides periodic training to ensure its staff understand and adhere to eJusticeNY guidelines. Moreover, the Inspector General conducts monthly audits of eJusticeNY access to confirm procedures are followed.

If you require further information, please contact Chief of Staff Pauline Ross at

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Sincerely

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