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Police Monitor Congratulates the Danziger Families

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The Office of the Independent Police Monitor wishes to express its sympathy to the Madison and the Bartholomew families. The events of September 6, 2005 and the subsequent events have been a difficult and traumatic experience for everyone involved, particularly the surviving family members. We are pleased that these families have had their day in court and we hope that these proceedings will offer them some solace and closure. We also congratulate the entire New Orleans criminal justice system for their victory in bringing justice to the People of New Orleans.

We concur with US Attorney Bobbi Bernstein that this day would not have come without the consistent efforts of various groups of people, most prominently the Madison and Bartholomew families. We thank everyone who maintained their unfailing commitment to justice, even in the face of opposition and disbelief. We thank all of these people for their strength, resolve and hope. We encourage all New Orleanians to carry that spirit with them as we continue along this road to better public safety and an accountable, transparent and effective police department.

The Office of Independent Police Monitor's commitment to the people of New Orleans, as always, remains accountability to them, dedication to the highest standards and commitment to safety for all. Going forward, we will review the PIB administrative investigation of all Officers connected to this conspiracy and we will honor our commitment to report our findings to the public. We believe that this conviction, alongside earlier convictions of errant officers, represents a new day for all of New



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Orleans and especially NOPD. “This a great position from which to continue our work reforming New Orleans Police Department. It’s great because NOPD officers are starting to realize that they WILL be held accountable for their actions. Better than firm consequences, officers also have the support of the Department of Justice, the IPM and the larger community in finding new and better ways to police.”, says Deputy Independent Police Monitor, Simone Levine.

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