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Re: Office of the Queens County District Attorney Response to the Oversight of Persons Convicted of Driving While Intoxicated Report Report # 2018-F-9

Dear Mr. Solomon:

We are now in receipt of the above-mentioned report regarding the Office of the Queens County's District Attorney's (QDA) oversight of persons convicted of driving while intoxicated. As previously discussed, our Office did not receive a final copy of this report dated, November 29, 2018, but instead recently located the report on the New York State Comptroller's website. We were therefore unable to respond to the report within the requested 30-day period, however, we appreciate the opportunity to respond at this time.

We have reviewed the report's recommendations and are pleased with the overall positive findings that this Office has made significant progress in addressing the issues identified in your initial audit report dated July 2016 -- with your most recent report indicating that two recommendations had being implemented and one had been partially implemented.

In response to the partially implemented recommendation, we offer the following response:

Recommendation #1:

Perform all required DMV checks to verify that offenders who disclaim vehicle ownership do not have vehicles registered in their names. Ensure that all offenders who are registered vehicle owners, or those who acknowledge the use of someone else's vehicle, install an IID as required.

Response: Since the conclusion of your initial audit in 2016, substantial efforts have been made to improve the number of quarterly DMV checks conducted. An additional staff person was assigned to our Ignition Interlock Program, who, in addition to assisting in the overall monitoring of defendants, also assists in conducting the large number of checks that are required each quarter.

As a result of these efforts, we have significantly increased the number of checks conducted and continue to make adjustments and improvements, as needed, in order to ensure that all required checks are conducted each quarter.

Overall, we are very proud of the work that this Office has undertaken in our role as Citywide Ignition Interlock Program Monitor in New York City and look forward to continuing these efforts moving forward.

I thank you and your staff for your professionalism throughout the audit process.

Sincerely, 1 ac 2

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