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**FORMER DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION SUPERVISOR SENTENCED
TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON FOR ORGANIZING GAMBLING RING**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JOSEPH M. DAVOLI, a/k/a "Skippy," a former New York City Department of Sanitation supervisor, was sentenced today to one year in prison for operating an illegal Lotto-type gambling ring in the Bronx. DAVOLI pleaded guilty to the offense, on June 29, 2007, before United States District Judge ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN. According to the Indictment filed in Manhattan federal court:

From at least January 2005 through August 2006, DAVOLI was the principal organizer of a gambling ring (the "Lottery"), which tracked the numbers chosen for the New York State Lotto drawings. Co-defendants ANTHONY T. AMORE, JR., KEITH KAPLAN, JOSEPH M. IOCOVELLO, DANIEL J. KANE, JOHN MACCHIAROLI, and DENIS G. MULVEY, were "runners" who collected a \$20 entry fee from each of hundreds of participants in the Lottery and delivered the money to DAVOLI. The Lottery had monthly drawings and paid winnings in the tens of thousands of dollars. DAVOLI, who used coded messages on a cellular telephone to communicate information about the Lottery to his co-defendants, retained a percentage of the money played. In addition, the runner who collected money from a winning entrant usually received approximately 10 percent of the entrant's winnings. DAVOLI earned approximately \$35,000 from his illegal gambling activities, which he agreed to forfeit to the Government as part of his guilty plea.

In imposing sentence, Judge HELLERSTEIN said that DAVOLI not only organized the gambling ring, but ran it with an "iron fist." In addition to the term of imprisonment, Judge HELLERSTEIN ordered DAVOLI to serve a term of three years supervised release, to pay a fine of \$5,000, and to forfeit \$35,000.

All of DAVOLI's co-defendants previously pleaded guilty

to participating in the gambling ring, and each was previously sentenced to three years' probation, six months of home confinement, 300 hours of community service, and a \$5,000 fine.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York City Department of Investigation, and New York City Police Department.

This case is being handled by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys PABLO QUIÑONES and CHRISTINE MEDING are in charge of the prosecution.

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