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Governor Murphy Announces Former State Comptroller Matt Boxer to Conduct Independent Investigation Examining January 11 Incident at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility

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"I am sickened by the horrific reports of what happened at Edna Mahan on January 11. Let me be clear: every individual in state custody deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and we must always remember that female inmates have long been uniquely vulnerable to abuse."

"I know Commissioner Hicks took immediate actions and placed a number of staff on leave, and I support these steps, but we must go further."

"Today, I am ordering a full independent investigation, under the direction of former State Comptroller Matt Boxer, to determine how this happened and make recommendations to prevent anything like it from ever happening again. Based on those findings, which I expect to receive in an expedited fashion, any individual who acted improperly will be held fully accountable. These types of incidents will never be tolerated."

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