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School Aide Arrested for Sex Abuse – Report Available

Today, investigators from the office of Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon arrested 21-year-old Nicholas Pichardo on charges of Sexual Abuse 3° and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by the Special Commissioner's office, which found that Pichardo, a school aide assigned to Queens High School for Science at York College, behaved inappropriately toward female students. Pichardo rubbed his hand against the hip of a 14-year-old girl and called her "hey, sexy." In addition he asked this student "if I didn't work here, would you fuck me?" His misconduct also included kissing a 15-year-old female student.

The Special Commissioner referred the findings of the Pichardo investigation to the Chancellor on April 26, 2006. As a result, Pichardo's employment with the New York City Department of Education was terminated and he cannot be rehired.

The Special Commissioner also sent the findings to Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown who assigned Assistant District Attorney Donna Golia to the case. Commissioner Condon thanks the Queens District Attorney and his staff for their assistance with this matter.

A copy of the report regarding the Pichardo investigation is available through Laurel Wright-Hinckson at (212) 510-1479

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