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SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ARRESTED FOR RAPE

Richard Condon, Special Commissioner of Investigation (SCI), announced today the arrest of John DePaolo, a Substitute Teacher at New Utrecht High School. The Brooklyn District Attorney's office unsealed an indictment charging DePaolo with Rape in the Third Degree, Sodomy in the Third Degree, Sexual Misconduct and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

DePaolo, 32, is accused of having sexual intercourse and oral sex with a female student, whom he met while teaching at James Madison High School. DePaolo began having sexual intercourse with the student during the Spring of 2001 when she was 15 years old. His sexual misconduct continued until August of 2002 when his wife learned about it and alerted the Brooklyn H.S. Superintendent's office, who contacted SCI's investigators.

DePaolo has been a Department of Education employee for 2 years. Because of SCI's investigation, his employment has been terminated and he can not be rehired.

"One of the most important functions of this office is investigating Department of Education employees who use their position to prey on young people," said Special Commissioner Condon. "The arrest of John DePaolo just reaffirms our commitment to protecting New York City's public schoolchildren."