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## **TEACHER ARRESTED FOR FORGED DOCUMENT**

### **REPORT AVAILABLE**

Yesterday, as a result of an investigation conducted by investigators from the Office of Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon, Teacher Mona Lisa Tello was arrested at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and charged with Forgery in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree. Tello, who was assigned to The High School of Graphic Arts in Manhattan, submitted a false document, ostensibly issued by a court to confirm jury duty service, to excuse the teacher's absences from work.

Special Commissioner Condon has released the report describing Tello's misconduct and recommending to the Chancellor that her employment with the New York City Department of Education be terminated and that she be made ineligible for work in the City school system.

The Special Commissioner thanks New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. and Assistant District Attorney Clara Henderson who will handle the prosecution.

The Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation is part of the New York City Department of Investigation and Special Commissioner Condon reports to Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.