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Report Released Today

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that 40-year-old Lawrence Scott, an investigator assigned to the Department of Education (“DOE”) Office of Special Investigations (“OSI”), engaged in a personal sexual text message relationship with 44-year-old Natalya Sokolson, a teacher assigned to PS 329 in Brooklyn, when Scott was handling OSI investigations into misconduct allegations made against Sokolson. The investigation also found that Sokolson did not report the relationship when it occurred; in fact, she aggressively pursued the relationship, particularly during a period when Scott was attempting to finalize the OSI cases against her.

Scott resigned from his employment at OSI within a few hours of being interviewed by investigators from the Special Commissioner’s office. Special Commissioner Condon recommended to the Chancellor that Scott be made ineligible for future work with the DOE. He also recommended that Sokolson’s employment be terminated and that she be made ineligible for future work in the City school system.