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SCI Report of Arrested Teacher in Test Taking Scam

The office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation (SCI) today released a report detailing the arrest of Wayne Brightly, a teacher at MS 142 in the Bronx. On February 15, 2005, investigators from SCI charged Brightly with Coercion in the 1st Degree, Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree, Criminal Facilitation in the 4th Degree, Petit Larceny, and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5th Degree.

The Kings County District Attorney's Office is prosecuting the criminal case. District Attorney Charles J. Hynes said: "This is an outrageous crime that puts Brooklyn's children at risk. We cannot tolerate a person lying to get into a position where they should be setting a positive example for our children."

Department of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said: "Being able to obtain Department of Education identification under false pretenses raises serious issues, including the safety of children."

The report criticizes the New York State Education Department for failing to assist SCI in its investigation until subpoenaed.

The report also is critical of the New York City Department of Education (DOE) for lapses in its procedures relating to the issuance of DOE identification cards.

Copies of the report will be available after 11:00 a.m. at 80 Maiden Lane, 20th Floor. Questions should be referred to Aquila Haynes at (212) 510-1479.

Special Commissioner Condon is a Deputy Commissioner to Department of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.

