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TWO PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE:
Teacher sexually abused a 13-year-old boy and disseminated indecent material to him
Paraprofessional raped and sodomized a 13-year-old girl

Richard J. Condon, the Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District (SCI) announced today the arrest of two employees of the Department of Education for sexual misconduct. Both are assigned to public schools in District 9 in the Bronx. Geraldine Malave, a Mathematics Teacher at CIS 339 is charged with Sexual Abuse in the Second and Third degrees, Endangering the Welfare of a Minor – all misdemeanors – and Disseminating Indecent Material to Minors in the First Degree, a Class D felony. Christopher Fisher, a Paraprofessional at IS 22 has been charged with Rape in the Second Degree, Sodomy in the Second Degree – both D felonies – and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Malave, 33-years-old, who resides in the Bronx, had sexually explicit instant text message conversations with one of her 13-year-old male students. Those communications escalated to encounters in her classroom after school where she passionately kissed the boy on a number of occasions in November and December 2002. The investigation began when a relative of the victim found one of the text messages. Malave has been employed by the Department of Education for six years.

Fisher, 21-years-old, also of the Bronx, is accused of having sexual intercourse and oral/anal sex with a 13-year-old female student. The sexual encounter between Fisher and the 8th grader took place in December 2002 at a location away from the school. The investigation began when the IS 22 Principal notified SCI about information she received involving Mr. Fisher and the victim. Fisher has been a Department of Education employee for one year; initially he was a substitute, but was assigned to the school on a permanent basis in January.

“Of all the cases this office investigates, those involving young victims are the most disturbing,” said Special Commissioner Condon. “My investigators did a superb job in locating witnesses and gathering evidence to support these arrests,” he added.

The Special Commissioner thanks Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson for the cooperation provided by his office. Bronx ADA Johanna Hernandez will handle the Malave prosecution; ADA Kim Capers is assigned to prosecute Fisher.

These arrests come at a time when Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott, DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn, Chancellor Joel Klein, and Special Commissioner Condon are exploring steps that could be taken to afford more protection to children and reduce incidents of behavior that results in arrests of Department of Education employees.

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