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Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Theodore Smith, a 46-year-old New York City Department of Education ("DOE") Teacher, threatened the life of Jack Tillem, an arbitrator who was presiding at a disciplinary hearing of 27 charges of misconduct concerning Smith's assignment as a physical education teacher at the New York City Museum School in Manhattan. While preparing his defense to the charges, Smith told his attorney, "I'm going to kick your fucking head in, and kill that fucking arbitrator, Jack Tillem, you hear me?" Smith added that he was going to "break [Tillem] in half." The attorney advised Tillem of Smith's threats.

Commissioner Condon has referred his findings to the New York County District Attorney's Office for appropriate action. He has also recommended to the Chancellor that Theodore Smith's employment be terminated and that he be made ineligible for any future employment with the DOE.

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.