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NYC DOE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ARRESTED

Today, investigators from the office of Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon arrested Edgar LaLuz, a 44-year-old self-employed School Psychologist who provided services to the Department of Education ("DOE"). An investigation conducted by SCI found that LaLuz falsified Bilingual Psycho Educational Assessment Reports relating to 26 Special Education students throughout various Bronx schools and submitted the documents for payment. As a result, he received more than $10,000 in public school funds to which he was not entitled. The case was then referred to the Chancellor and Bronx County District Attorney's office. The report containing all the details of this case was made public on November 16, 2006.

The Bronx County District Attorney's Office is prosecuting LaLuz who is being charged with Grand Larceny in the third degree and Falsifying Business Records in the first degree.

The Special Commissioner thanks Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and his office for their cooperation.

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.