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NYC DOE COMPUTER SERVICE TECHNICIAN ARRESTED
FOR LARCENY

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Today, investigators from the office of Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon arrested 51-year-old Cornelius Schulman, a computer service technician in the Division of Instructional and Information Technology (“DIIT”), on charges of Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property. The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by the Special Commissioner’s office, which found that Schulman stole DOE equipment worth approximately $49,000. Specifically, Schulman admitted stealing transceivers (Cisco “SFP” modules) from DOE schools.[1] He also admitted selling some of the items on eBay and turned over other transceivers to investigators.

Special Commissioner Condon released a report detailing the thefts and recommending to the Chancellor that Cornelius Schulman be terminated from employment with the DOE and be made ineligible for work in the City school system.

The Special Commissioner thanks Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown and his staff, Assistant District Attorney Daniel J. O’Leary who is assigned to the prosecution of Schulman under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney James M. Liander, Chief of the Integrity Bureau.

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.

[1] An “SFP” is a small form-factor pluggable which is a transceiver that connects a gigabit Ethernet port to a fiber-optic network.