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NYC DOE TEACHER ARRESTED

Today, investigators from the office of Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon arrested Brenna Stewart, a 46-year-old Department of Education teacher who had been assigned to the Bronx Leadership Academy II. An investigation conducted by SCI found that Stewart submitted false and altered documents to excuse nine days of absences from work—one of which was used to attend the sentencing of her mother, Lynne F. Stewart, at the United States District Court in Manhattan. The report containing all the details of this case was made public on April 11, 2007.

Stewart is facing felony charges of Forgery in the second degree, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the second degree, and 9 counts of Falsifying Business Records in the first degree. She also was charged with 9 counts of Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor.

The Special Commissioner thanks Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and Assistant District Attorney Omer Wicznyk, who is assigned to the Stewart prosecution, 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