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Report Released

The office of Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon has released a report detailing the investigation which found that DOE employee Joanne Pierre stole more than \$10,000 in Department of Education funds through a scheme by which she received reimbursement for items she never purchased or for items she returned. The theft began while Pierre was assigned as a Curriculum Instructional Specialist for Citywide Alternative Schools & Programs and continued when she assumed her position as Principal at the Rachel Carson High School For Coastal Studies in Brooklyn.

On May 10, 2006, SCI investigators arrested Pierre and charged her with four felonies: Grand Larceny in the 3rd and 4th, Falsifying Business Records in the 1st, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st. She also faces the misdemeanor charge of Official Misconduct. If convicted of the top count, the maximum sentence Pierre could receive would be up to 7 years in State prison.

The office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the criminal case which will be handled by Assistant District Attorney Tanisha Simon.

Copies of the report will be available after 11:00 a.m. at 80 Maiden Lane, 20th Floor. Questions should be referred to Aquila Haynes at (212) 510-1479.

Special Commissioner Condon is a Deputy Commissioner to Department of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.