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Report Released Today Related, Arrest

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Nelson Ruiz defrauded the DOE out of more than \$1,000,000 over a two-year period. Ruiz billed the DOE for services purportedly provided to children with special needs, but the students never received the services and the billing documents contained forged authorizing signatures.

The Special Commissioner's office shared its preliminary findings with the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and began a joint investigation, which is ongoing. Today, investigators from the Special Commissioner's office and federal authorities arrested Ruiz

Special Commissioner Condon thanks U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, Assistant U.S. Attorney Brendan McGuire who is Chief of the Public Corruption Unit, AUSA Paul Krieger, AUSA Alvin Bragg, and AUSA Andrew Goldstein.

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.