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PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ARRESTED FOR SEX ABUSE REPORT RELEASED TODAY

Richard J. Condon, the Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District (SCI) announced today the arrest of Francisco Diaz, a former Fireman at Public School 219 in Brooklyn. Diaz is charged with Sexual Abuse in the Second and Third degrees and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, all misdemeanors.

Diaz, 57, of Brooklyn, NY, is accused of sexually abusing and criminally touching a female student. The sexual encounters took place inside the P.S.219 school building. The investigation began when a parent notified SCI about Diaz's sexual contact with his daughter. Diaz had been a Department of Education employee for 18 years.

"Much of the misconduct detailed in this report cannot be prosecuted because it happened too long ago. Those crimes that are not time barred will be prosecuted by the Kings County District Attorney's office," said Special Commissioner Condon.

The Special Commissioner thanks Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and his office for their cooperation.

Copies of the report will be available after 10:00 a.m. at 80 Maiden Lane, 20th Floor. Questions should be referred to Aquila Haynes at (212) 510-1479.

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