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Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Major Seabury, a former school psychologist for the New York City Department of Education (DOE), knowingly and wrongfully accepted and used DOE salary to which he was not entitled.

Seabury left employment with the DOE in June 2003. However, the investigation revealed that between July 2003 and June 2005, DOE payments totaling nearly $121,000 were directly deposited into Seabury’s bank account and regular cash withdrawals and routine payments using those funds occurred during the same period.

Seabury was not cooperative during the investigation, but in a document prepared by him, Seabury acknowledged that he regularly received a DOE salary even though he “never ‘actually’ performed any service for the New York City Board of Education.” Seabury also asserted that the money he received from the DOE during this period was a “tax free gift.”

The report was referred to the DOE and the Kings County District Attorney’s office.

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.