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DOE Assistant Principal Raped a Female Graduate, 17, in School Office;
Second Female Student, 16, Forced to Perform Oral Sex by Employee of
After School Program
Report Released Today

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that in the summer of 2009, William Abreu, a Department of Education (“DOE”) assistant principal assigned to Progress High School for Professional Careers (“Progress High”) in Brooklyn, forcibly raped a 17-year-old female recent Progress High graduate in his school office. The investigation also substantiated that in March 2011, Juan Martinez of Progress, Inc., an after school program, forced a then 16-year-old female student to perform oral sex on him in his office at Progress High. Abreu and Martinez also sexually abused these students and subjected them to repeated sexual comments. Abreu told the younger student that having sex with him and Martinez was a condition of her office job at Progress High, and he asked her to have sex with others in exchange for money. Abreu also threatened to report the 17-year-old graduate to Immigration authorities, and he stole \$1,500 from her mother on the false promise that he would obtain an attorney’s services for her.

Commissioner Condon recommended to the Chancellor that Abreu, who has been suspended without pay since a June 2012 report by the Special Commissioner which substantiated that he made inappropriate sexual remarks to three 15-year-old female students, be dismissed and that he and Martinez (who is not a DOE employee) be made ineligible for future employment with the DOE or its affiliates. Commissioner Condon also recommended that the DOE condition any future relationship with Progress, Inc. on its agreement to dismiss Martinez and bar him from future employment or affiliation with the organization.

Commissioner Condon has also referred his report to Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes for whatever action he deems appropriate.

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.

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