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**FORMER AFTER-SCHOOL MENTOR ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL
CONDUCT WITH A MINOR**

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Anastasia Coleman announced the arrest of Aylin Canon, a 29-year-old former group mentor employed by the Education Alliance, a community-based organization that provided after-school programs at PS 188 The Island School, on charges stemming from her inappropriate sexual conduct with a then 13-year-old female student.

The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by the office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District (“SCI”), which found that Canon engaged in a course of sexual conduct with the student, over several months at multiple locations, including Canon’s Manhattan apartment.

Special Commissioner Coleman emphasized “there is no place in the New York City school system for those who prey on children.”

Canon is charged with three counts each of Criminal Sex Act in the Second Degree and Sex Abuse in the Second Degree, and one count of Endangering Welfare of a Child. Canon’s employment with the Educational Alliance was terminated in May 2018.

Special Commissioner Coleman thanks her investigative staff at SCI and the New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. and his staff for their assistance with this matter.