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TEACHER SOUGHT FOR KIDNAPPING STUDENT

Special Commissioner Edward F. Stancik announced that his office is seeking to apprehend Glenn Harris, 33, a New York City public school teacher, on kidnapping charges in connection with Harris's relationship with a fifteen-year old female student at his school. Harris and the student disappeared from the New York area on March 8, after the student's mother discovered that a personal relationship had developed between Harris and her daughter. They have not been seen in the New York area since that date.

The Special Commissioner's investigation has determined that Harris and the student have since travelled across the country, spending time in Montgomery, Alabama; Berkeley and Santa Clara, California; Las Vegas, Nevada, and other locations. Efforts to apprehend Harris in those cities have been unsuccessful. His current whereabouts, as well as the student's, are unknown. Commissioner Stancik is seeking the help of the public and news media in apprehending Harris and locating the student. Anyone with information concerning their current whereabouts should call the Special Commissioner's 24-hour hotline at (212) 510-1500. Calls will be kept confidential. Photographs of Harris and the student are available for immediate release.

A warrant has been issued for Harris's arrest on the charge of Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree, a class B felony, which carries a maximum sentence of 25 years imprisonment.

Harris taught social studies, English and phys. ed. at the Creative Learning Community, an alternative school located at 1573 Madison Ave. in Manhattan, where the female student, 14 years old at the time, was enrolled in his ninth-grade gym class. Harris's employment with the Board of Education was terminated after he failed to appear for his classes on March 9 at the Landmark High School, where he had been teaching for a month.

Glenn Harris measures 5'6", weighs 155 pounds, and has brown eyes and black hair. He is a former corrections officer and served as a New York City police officer for less than a year until he resigned in 1988 in lieu of termination. Harris studied and worked at the New School for Social Research until he began teaching last fall. He resides at 40 Fourth Avenue in Brooklyn. The girl, Christina, measures 5'6", weighs 105 pounds, and resides in Manhattan.

This investigation has received substantial assistance from the office of Robert M. Morgenthau, District Attorney for New York County, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the New York City Police Department. The investigation continues to be assisted by the police departments of Montgomery, Berkeley, Santa Clara, and Las Vegas.