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**REPORT RELEASED**

**Copies of the report are available for pick-up on  
September 29, 2004, after 10:00 a.m., at 80 Maiden Lane, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor.**

Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon will be releasing the findings of an investigation which found that the former Principal at the Street Academy High School in Brooklyn mishandled a matter in which a male student had alleged an assault and possible sexual abuse committed by an individual – not associated with the Department of Education – whom the principal had allowed into the school to run a fraternity. The boy described being made to pull down his pants and underwear, whereupon he was struck repeatedly by a paddle. At the direction of his abuser, the student then rubbed an oil on his testicles which caused a burning sensation in that area. The incident took place in New Jersey, where the abuser regularly took the student.

As a result of the investigation by the Special Commissioner's Office, the fraternity official was arrested by members of the Pompton Lakes Police Department in New Jersey and subsequently pleaded guilty to Hazing.

The Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation is part of the New York City Department of Investigation.