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**QUEENS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSISTANT ARRESTED**  
**FOR INAPPROPRIATELY TOUCHING A FEMALE STUDENT**

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Anastasia Coleman announced the arrest of Joseph Lombardo, a 23-year-old Community Assistant at Jamaica Gateway to the Sciences High School in Queens, on a charge stemming from his inappropriate sexual conduct with a 17-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 Lombardo, while alone with the student, took her hand and “trailed” it down his chest to his erect penis. The female student rejected his advances and pulled away.

Special Commissioner Coleman emphasized, “There is no place in the New York City school system for the behavior demonstrated by Mr. Lombardo and for those who prey on our children.”

Lombardo has been charged with one count of Sex Abuse in the third degree. Lombardo was suspended without pay pending the outcome of SCI’s investigation.

Special Commissioner Coleman thanks her investigative staff at SCI and the Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown and his staff for their assistance with this matter.