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Sir,

Here are copies of the press release and the report that I wrote the article from. They are public information, sent out to every education reporter and editor in the city whenever Condin's office completes an investigation. If you are cleared or otherwise vindicated in the matter, I will be happy to print a follow up story.

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Report Released Today - Copies Available

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Theodore Smith, a 46-year-old New York City Department of Education ("DOE") Teacher, threatened the life of Jack Tillem, an arbitrator who was presiding at a disciplinary hearing of 27 charges of misconduct concerning Smith's assignment as a physical education teacher at the New York City Museum School in Manhattan. While preparing his defense to the charges, Smith told his attorney, "I'm going to kick your fucking head in, and kill that fucking arbitrator, Jack Tillem, you hear me?" Smith added that he was going to "break [Tillem] in half." The attorney advised Tillem of Smith's threats.

Commissioner Condon has referred his findings to the New York County District Attorney's Office for appropriate action. He has also recommended to the Chancellor that Theodore Smith's employment be terminated and that he be made ineligible for any future employment with the DOE.

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.

NYMinute

Rapper admits guilt

RAPPER PRODIGY pleaded guilty to criminal possession of a loaded gun yesterday in a deal that will put him behind bars for the next 3½ years.

The 32-year-old Queens native interrupted his trial in Manhattan Supreme Court to admit to owning the unlicensed .22-caliber pistol found in an armrest of his bulletproofed Chevy Suburban last October in Chelsea.

Prodigy was busted on the gun charge after cops stopped him for making an illegal U-turn on Ninth Ave.

Barbara Boss

Teacher death threat

A MANHATTAN gym teacher facing 27 counts of misconduct allegedly threatened to kill the arbitrator presiding over his case, authorities said.

Theodore Smith, 46, who taught at the Museum School in Manhattan, allegedly said he was going to "kill that f---ing arbitrator" and "break him in half," according to a report by Special Schools Investigator Richard Condon.

The Education Depart-

ment will continue to seek Smith's termination, a spokeswoman said.

Carrie Melago

Chief receives award

THE NYPD'S intelligence chief was given the Anti-Defamation League's Courageous Leadership Award yesterday and hailed for protecting the city from terrorists.

David Cohen, a former director at the CIA, left a job in the private sector in 2002 to head the Police Department's growing intelligence division after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Oren Yaniv

Pimp could get 15 yrs.

A QUEENS pimp and his girlfriend who lured a North Carolina college student into selling her body and plastered lewd photos of her on Craigslist.com have been found guilty of promoting prostitution.

Carlton (Privilege) Simons, 25, and Shernett (Divine) Reevey, 24, could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison.

The pair lured their 18-year-old victim to New York City by promising to introduce her to rap stars.

They then forced her to become a prostitute, beat and threatened her.

Nicole Bode

School plan lacking

POOR KIDS and immigrants in New York City are getting a fairer share of education dollars this year — but still not as much as they should, a new report from the Independent Budget Office says.

The Budget Office looked at a new school funding scheme that aims to give every school the same amount of money for each student, with extra dollars for poor kids, immigrants and kids with special needs.

School officials say they are gradually introducing the new formula so as not to harm "overfunded" schools.

Erin Einhorn

TWU wants its dues

The Transport Workers Union has asked a judge to restore dues checkoff privileges taken away as punishment for the illegal strike that shut down the subways in 2005.

TWU Local 100 says the sanction continues to cost the union about \$1.5 million a month.

Pete Donohue

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