

# Board of Education of the City of Chicago Law Department

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Scott Reeder Small Newspaper Group Press Room Capitol Building Springfield, Illinois 62706 *Via Facsimile (217) 525-8206 & U.S. Mail* 

### Re: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Reeder:

As I mentioned in my voice mail, I have enclosed another copy of the Inspector General's Annual Report. I have not redacted the names of those individuals who were convicted of a crime. I have redacted the names of individuals who were not convicted of a crime, or who received supervision. As you may know, if someone successfully completes supervision, s/he is not convicted of the crime in Cook County. I have asked the Inspector General to investigate whether any of these individuals failed to successfully complete their supervision. If any did, I will forward their name to you.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (773) 553-1727.

Sincerely,

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Name	OIG Investigation (Annual Report)	OIG Case sent to Law	Employee Status	Status Date	State Certification	Last Illinois Assignment
Bruck, Paul J.	A teacher falsified his employment application in 1992 by stating he had never been convicted of a crime and that he worked as a substitute teacher when, in fact, he was incarcerated in Arizona at the time. The teacher admitted to having served more than three years in prison for theft and had been convicted also of possession of marijuana. Based on the OIG investigation, the Law Department moved to terminate the teacher and also filed a four count civil lawsuit against the teacher for recovery of fraudulently obtained public funds, fraud, unjust enrichment and breach of fiduciary duty. The teacher's termination was pending as of December 2000.	12/30/1999	Terminated - DNH	6/29/2001	None	North Chicago SD 187; 2003
De Jesus, Linda M.	A substitute teacher was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance. She resigned from her position prior to her arrest, which precludes her from being employed by the school system in the future. She later pled guilty and was placed on 24 months of felony probation.	5/16/2001	Resignation TAT Reg. Cert. DNH	8/19/1999	Registered through 6/30/2000	S.D. 299; 1999
	A high school Programs Options teacher was arrested for solicitation of prostitution. He pled guilty and was sentenced to one year of supervision.	4/10/2001	Assigned	9/2/1991	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299;
	A high school teacher had resigned from his previous position with the Illinois Department of Corrections after being investigated for criminal sexual misconduct. He did not disclose the reason for his resignation at the time of his hiring by CPS. In an interview with OIG investigators, he admitted to some inappropriate sexual conduct with two female inmates. The teacher was terminated from his employment with the school system.	4/27/2001	Terminated/DNH	7/11/2001	Registered through 6/30/2001	I.D.J.J. 428

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Simmons, Jr., Marvell	During the course of the investigation of an elementary school teacher's arrest for domestic battery, the OIG learned that the teacher had been convicted of possession of a controlled substance in Texas. The teacher had been convicted in 1988 and was placed on probation for 10 years, but the probation was later revoked and he was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Corrections. The teacher failed to disclose his criminal history on CPS applications. Based on the OIG investigation, the employee was vacated from his position.	8/21/2001	Displaced Teacher/Filling Cadre Substitute Position	Displaced 8/29/2001; Sub since 2001	Registered through 6/30/2010	S.D. 299; 2002
Bachman, Jacob	A middle school teacher was arrested and charged with the offense of indecent solicitation of a child after trying to arrange sex with a 14-year-old girl during a police internet sting. The teacher admitted to police that he had also attempted to seduce a female student and kept child pornography on his home computer. The teacher pled guilty to the charge of indecent solicitation of a child and was sentenced to 24 months probation. Prior to being interviewed by the OIG, the teacher resigned from his position with CPS.	10/24/2001	Resigned/DNH	7/3/2001	Registered through 6/30/2002	S.D. 299; 2001
	An OIG investigation revealed that a substitute teacher was previously convicted of the offense of attempted murder and served a sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The OIG's investigation also revealed the substitute teacher had other criminal convictions in his past. The substitute teacher never disclosed in any CPS job applications that he had been convicted of a crime, as required. The Illinois School Code prohibits a school district from employing anyone convicted of attempted first- degree murder. Based on the OIG investigation, the teacher was discharged.	11/16/2001	Terminated/DNH	2/27/2002	Not applicable	Not applicable

	The Chicago Police Department arrested an elementary school teacher and charged him with contributing to the delinquency of a child. In the course of investigating a hit and run, the police found a 15-year-old ward of the state residing in the teacher's home. The child claimed the teacher gave him several alcoholic beverages and marijuana cigarettes. The teacher admitted to the police that he had smoked crack cocaine in the past. The teacher pled guilty to the offense of contributing to the delinquency of minor and was sentenced to one year of supervision. The teacher subsequently voluntarily retired from CPS.	4/8/2002	Retirement - Regularly Appointed	7/22/2002	6/30/2002	S.D. 299
Jackson, Larry	The OIG received a notification that the Chicago Police arrested a teacher for driving on a suspended license. A search of the teacher following his arrest revealed the teacher to be in possession of crack cocaine. The OIG investigation revealed that the teacher was arrested for and subsequently plead guilty to the charge of possession of a controlled substance. The teacher was sentenced to two years of probation. CPS issued the teacher a warning resolution and the teacher is required to submit to random drug testing.	3/13/2003	Terminated/DNH	1/29/2004	6/30/2007	S.D. 299; 2003
Howell, Judith A.	A teacher was arrested off-duty after police observed her in the lobby of a public housing facility purchasing drugs. The police found the teacher in possession of a controlled substance and charged her with the offense. The OIG investigation revealed that the teacher plead guilty to the charge of possession of a controlled substance and was ordered to serve a two-year term of probation and to perform three days of community service. Discipline is pending against the teacher.	4/2/2003	Displaced Teacher	12/1/2003	Registered through 6/30/2005	S.D. 299; 2003

Marchioni, Kay	The OIG conducted an investigation into an allegation that a teacher provided false information on an application for certification submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The OIG investigation proved that the teacher failed to indicate on the ISBE application that a prior, out-of-state teaching certificate had been revoked. The investigation further revealed that the teacher failed to disclose on a CPS application that she had been convicted of a crime. A discharge hearing has been conducted at the ISBE.	10/4/2002	Honorably Terminated/DNH	12/14/2003	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299; 2003
	An OIG investigation revealed that a substitute teacher was arrested and charged with numerous firearms offenses. The substitute teacher was found guilty of the charges and sentenced to supervision. CPS vacated the substitute teacher from his position.	4/9/2003		10/25/2004	ESP	
	The OIG conducted an investigation into an allegation that a CPS high school teacher and a student were engaged in a scheme to purchase items using forged checks. The OIG investigation revealed that the student found blank checks from a credit card company and approached the teacher and asked what he could do with them. According to the student, the teacher suggested that they make online purchases and use the checks to pay for the items. The teacher admitted to the OIG that he told the student how to fill out the checks and actually forged a signature on some of the checks. The OIG investigation revealed that the teacher and student purchased items including cell phones, a computer monitor, clothes and other merchandise using the checks. The results of the OIG investigation were forwarded to the Chicago Police Department. The teacher was subsequently discharged from CPS employment.	6/30/2003	Terminated/DNH	8/25/2003	Registered through 6/30/2020	H.S.D. 202;

Tolbert, George G.	The OIG received an allegation that an elementary school teacher had a criminal history. The OIG conducted an investigation which revealed that in 1979 the teacher had plead guilty to the offenses of indecent liberties with a child and burglary and was sentenced to serve a four-year term of probation. The investigation also revealed that in 1980 the teacher again plead guilty to a charge of indecent liberties with a child and was sentenced to serve a four-year term in the Illinois Department of Corrections. When he subsequently filled out various applications with CPS, the teacher failed to disclose his criminal convictions. Following the OIG investigation, the teacher resigned from CPS employment.	11/26/2003	Resigned	8/24/2004	Registered through 6/30/207	S.D. 299; 2004
Oliver, Leonell F.	A high school teacher was arrested and charged with the offense of attempted murder. The OIG investigation revealed that while the criminal charges against her were pending, the teacher left CPS employment. The former teacher was subsequently found guilty of the charge of aggravated battery and was sentenced to serve a term of two years of probation and was ordered to undergo anger management training. The former teacher was also designated ineligible for re-hire.	8/26/2003	Early Retirement/DNH	6/14/2001	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299; 2001
Braxton, Keith D.	A substitute teacher was arrested and convicted of the offense of reckless homicide. The substitute teacher was sentenced to serve a term of four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The substitute teacher was discharged from CPS employment and was designated ineligible for re-hire.	2/9/2004	Terminated/DNH	10/16/2001	None	None
	A teacher was arrested and charged with the offenses of theft, assault and unlawful use of a weapon. The teacher plead guilty to the charge of theft and was sentenced to six months of court supervision.	2/9/2004	Resigned	6/16/2007	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299; 2007

Matos, Michael F.	A substitute teacher was arrested and charged with the offense of aggravated stalking. The substitute teacher plead guilty to an amended charge of violating an order of protection and was sentenced to serve a term of sixty days in the Cook County Department of Corrections and two years of probation. The substitute teacher was subsequently vacated from his position with CPS	10/9/2003	Displaced Teacher	8/29/2001	Registered through 6/30/2006	S.D. 299; 2002
	A substitute teacher was arrested and charged with the offense of soliciting for a prostitute. The substitute teacher plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to serve a six- month term of supervision.	12/12/2003	Active	10/6/2006	Registered through 6/30/2010	Day-to-Day Substitute
	The OIG issued a report summarizing an investigation conducted after an elementary school assistant principal was arrested and charged with the offense of battery after he was observed by Chicago police officers in a car kissing a sixteen year-old female high school student. The assistant principal was eventually found not guilty of the criminal charges. During the course of the investigation, the OIG conducted numerous interviews and issued a report summarizing the investigation. The assistant principal subsequently resigned from CPS employment and has been designated ineligible to be rehired.	7/27/2004	Resigned/DNH	10/3/2004	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 86; Joliet, Illinois
	The OIG conducted a follow-up investigation after a CPS teacher was identified as the offender in sexual assault cases of at least two minor boys. The OIG investigation revealed that the assaults involved children the teacher encountered in his role as a lay youth worker in the western suburbs. The OIG investigation further revealed that the teacher subsequently admitted his improper conduct with the two boys and he was charged in two different counties with the offense of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. The OIG reported its findings. The employee resigned from CPS employment and has been designated ineligible to be rehired.	9/27/2004	Resigned/DNH	12/2/2004	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299; 2004

The OIG received a notification that an elementary school principal was arrested and charged with the offense of possession of unregistered handguns. The OIG investigation revealed that Chicago police officers searched the principal's home and found sixty- one handguns that the principal possessed but that were never registered with the City of Chicago in violation of the Municipal Code of Chicago. The criminal charges against the principal are pending and the principal has been reassigned.	11/15/2004	Contract Expiration (Principal)/DNH	12/5/2005	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299; 2006
A female high school teacher was arrested and charged with the offense of public indecency after she was observed by Chicago police officers in a car with a seventeen year- old male student from the high school. The OIG conducted a follow-up investigation, which included interviews of the student, the teacher, police officers and others. The OIG forwarded the results of the investigation to the Law Department and the teacher subsequently resigned from her position with CPS. The teacher has also been designated as ineligible to be rehired.	3/9/2005	Resigned/DNH	3/19/2004	Registered through 6/30/2004	S.D. 299; 2004
The OIG received information that a high school teacher was being investigated by a suburban police department for having sexual intercourse with an underage female. The OIG conducted a follow-up investigation which revealed that on two occasions, the teacher had a sexual encounter with a suburban high school student that began when she was 15 years old, although he believed her to be 18 years old. The teacher was not charged with a crime. Following the OIG investigation, the teacher resigned from CPS employment.	3/23/2005	Resigned	8/16/2005	Registered through 2014	S.D. 205; Rockford; 2007

Batres, Ana G.	A substitute teacher was arrested and charged with the Chicago ordinance violation of solicitation for prostitution. The OIG investigation revealed that the teacher was found guilty of the offense of solicitation for prostitution and was fined. The substitute teacher was vacated from her position and has been designated ineligible to be rehired.	9/8/2004	Vacate Day-to- Day Sub/DNH	8/27/2004	None	None
	A teacher assigned to an elementary school was arrested and charged with the offense of battery after striking a police officer. The OIG investigation revealed that the teacher plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to one year of court supervision. The results of the investigation were forwarded to the school principal from the Law Department for the imposition of appropriate discipline.	11/3/2004	Active	8/29/2001	Registered through 6/30/2012	S.D. 299
Patton, Leotha R.	A substitute teacher was arrested for the offense of theft. The OIG investigation revealed that the substitute teacher plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to one year of court supervision. The substitute teacher was also arrested and charged with the offense of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. The substitute teacher plead guilty to that charge and was sentenced to one year of mental health probation and 164 days in the Cook County Department of Corrections. The substitute teacher was subsequently vacated from her position and has been designated ineligible to be rehired.	11/3/2004	Vacate Day-to- Day Sub/DNH	6/17/2004	None	None
	The OIG received a complaint that a substitute teacher had a criminal history that included arrests for prostitution. The OIG learned that in 2003 the substitute teacher was arrested and charged with the offenses of prostitution and battery. The substitute teacher subsequently plead guilty to the charges against her and was sentenced to one year of court supervision and five days of community service. CPS administration took no disciplinary action against the substitute teacher.	3/8/2005	Active	7/1/2006	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299; 2007

Rivers, Tyrone	A substitute teacher was arrested on three separate occasions and was charged with the offenses of home invasion, armed robbery, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and possession of a controlled substance. The substitute teacher subsequently plead guilty to numerous felony charges and was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The substitute teacher was vacated from his position and has been designated ineligible to be rehired.	5/23/2005	Vacated Day-to- Day Sub/DNH	3/10/2003	None	None
Rudnick, Mumtaz	An elementary school teacher was arrested and charged with the offenses of attempted first degree murder and aggravated battery. The OIG investigation revealed that the teacher was found guilty of the offense of aggravated battery and was subsequently sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The teacher resigned her position with CPS and has been designated ineligible to be rehired.	5/23/2005	Resigned/DNH	6/11/2004	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299; 2005

The OIG conducted an investigation after it learned that an elementary school principal may have stolen money from the school. The investigation revealed that, in fact, the principal stole more than \$57,000 of money intended for the school's internal account and used the money to gamble at local horse racing tracks. The investigation revealed that the principal was a compulsive gambler and had used school money to support his gambling habit for at least three years. The principal's thefts deprived the school of money collected for such things as graduation pictures, student events and trips, school dances, music equipment, athletic equipment and workbooks. Following the OIG investigation, the principal resigned from CPS employment and was designated as ineligible to be rehired. The matter was referred to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office which charged the principal with theft and official misconduct. The criminal case against the principal is pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County.	8/15/2005	Resigned/DNH	8/17/2005	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299; 2005
A high school teacher was arrested and charged with the offense of aggravated unlawful use of weapons after the teacher's sport utility vehicle was stopped by the police and the teacher was found in possession of a handgun. The teacher admitted to the OIG that he possessed the gun. The criminal charges against the teacher are currently pending and the matter is being reviewed for potential discipline.	7/18/2005	Active	8/28/2002	None	S.D. 299; 2005
The OIG conducted an investigation after a high school teacher was arrested for the offenses of attempt first degree murder and armed violence. The investigation revealed that the teacher was arrested after allegedly stabbing a man with a knife. The criminal charges are still pending in a suburban criminal court. The teacher was also found to be living in the suburbs. The teacher has been discharged from CPS employment and designated ineligible to be rehired.	3/22/2006	Terminated/DNH	5/26/2006	Not registered in any region	S.D. 299; 2006

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Abdullah, Muhammad	A high school teacher was investigated after it was learned that he was charged with the federal offense of making false statements. The investigation revealed that the teacher plead guilty in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to three counts of the federal offense of making false statements. The teacher was sentenced to serve a five year term of probation, six months in the home detention program, and ordered to pay more than \$34,000 in restitution to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The teacher was subsequently issued a warning resolution.	4/18/2006	Active / WR 06- 0628-EX19	7/1/2003	Registered through 6/30/2011	S.D. 299
Miles, Edet K.	A substitute teacher was arrested and charged with the offense of reckless homicide. The substitute teacher plead guilty to the charge of reckless homicide and was sentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The substitute teacher resigned from CPS employment and was designated as ineligible to be rehired.	10/11/2005	Vacate day-to-day sub/DNH	4/4/2005	None	None
Moody, Osevell E.	A high school teacher was arrested and charged with the offense of criminal sexual assault. The teacher was found guilty of numerous counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and criminal sexual assault and was sentenced to 16 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Following the arrest, the teacher was discharged from CPS employment and designated as ineligible to be rehired.	12/21/2005	Terminated/DNH	10/16/2002	Registered through 6/30/2005	S.D. 299; 2002
Gillard, Carmen	An elementary school teacher was arrested and charged with the felony offense of aggravated battery to a peace officer. The teacher plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of battery and was sentenced to two years of probation. The teacher was vacated from his position prior to the completion of the OIG investigation.	10/11/2005	Vacate Non- Renewed Provisionally Appointed Teacher	8/30/2005	Registered through 6/30/2010	S.D. 299

Lowry, John L.	A teacher was arrested and charged with the offense of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver. The teacher plead guilty to the charge of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver and was sentenced to two years of probation. The teacher resigned from CPS employment shortly after his arrest and was designated as ineligible to be rehired.		Resigned/DNH	11/15/2004	Registered through 6/30/2007	S.D. 299
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