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**School Teacher Indicted on Charges of Sexually Abusing
And Inappropriately Touching Nine Students**

Defendant Accused of Groping and Fondling Children Between Ages 8 and 11

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that a 36-year-old Brooklyn elementary school science teacher has been arraigned on a 22-count indictment in which he is charged with crimes relating to the sexual abuse and inappropriate touching of nine of his young female students on school property.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This is a disturbing case in which a teacher allegedly groped young girls. This defendant is an alleged predator who surrounded himself with vulnerable victims. What should have been a safe haven instead became a parent's worst nightmare. We will now seek to vindicate the rights of these children."

The District Attorney said that the defendant, Omil Carrasquillo, 36, of Selden, New York, has been arraigned before Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Deborah Dowling on a 22-count indictment in which he is charged with three counts of first-degree sexual abuse, three counts of second-degree sexual abuse, eleven counts of endangering the welfare of a child, and five counts of second-degree course of sexual conduct against a child. The top counts are 'D' felonies which each carry up to seven years in prison. The defendant, who had previously been charged with sexually abusing five students, was initially arrested in September at which time bail was set at \$50,000 bond or \$25,000 cash. The judge reset bail today at \$200,000 and ordered the defendant to return to court on February 6, 2015.

The District Attorney said that, according to the indictment, on multiple occasions between November 1, 2012 and September 18, 2014, the defendant, who worked as a science teacher at Public School 249, located on Marlborough Road in the Kensington section of Brooklyn, allegedly groped or fondled nine female students who were between ages 8 and 11 years old at the time of the alleged incidents. The allegations came to light following the disclosure of one student and an ensuing investigation.

The investigation was conducted by New York City Police Detectives assigned to the Brooklyn Child Abuse Squad.

The case is being prosecuted by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Children Bureau, under the supervision of Miss Gregory, Chief.

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An indictment is an accusation and not proof of a defendant's guilt.