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Putnam County District Attorney, Adam B. Levy, announced today that there is insufficient evidence to charge Putnam Valley High School Principal Edward Hallisey with perjury based upon an affidavit Hallisey filed in connection with the Laura Bliss matter.

In April 2008, the New York State Commission of Investigation issued a report that stated, in part, that Mr. Hallisey's affidavit was "misleading to the extent it attempted to convince the Court that the teacher's reputation was beyond reproach..." After receiving the Report, Mr. Levy opened an investigation to determine whether or not Mr. Hallisey committed perjury by filing his January 21, 2004 Affidavit.

The Putnam County District Attorney's Office worked closely with the New York State Commission of Investigation and the New York State Education Department by reviewing all findings, reports and documents along with hundreds of pages of transcripts before reaching the decision to close the case.

According to District Attorney Levy, "we agree with the New York State Commission's conclusion that Mr. Hallisey's Affidavit was "misleading" and "evasive". However, after reviewing all the evidence, we found insufficient proof to support a perjury charge."

District Attorney Levy took office on January 1, 2008 and immediately initiated a series of changes that were addressed in the New York State Commission of Investigation Report.

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