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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

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You should know that when Andrew Cuomo was the New York State Attorney General he used his power, influence, title, and office of the Attorney General to go after Senator Pedro Espada accusing him of stealing \$14 million dollars.

During the weeks that followed Andrew Cuomo's announcement, newspapers (including Hispanic ones), television media (including Hispanic ones) and almost every reporter (including Hispanic ones) went after Pedro Espada.

They would stakeout his house, his office, and his business. They even went where he was dining. They had a field day with Pedro Espada. They called him crooked. They called him a thief. They tried their best to convince the community that Senator Pedro Espada stole \$14

million dollars – because the Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said so.

You should know that Gustavo Rivera, who ran against Pedro Espada, used the \$14 million dollar issue throughout his campaign calling Pedro Espada a crook. He defeated Pedro Espada by campaigning about the \$14 million dollars that our former Attorney General Andrew Cuomo accused him of stealing.

After weeks and weeks of persecution and mockery, Pedro Espada was accused of only stealing half a million dollars. Not one single news reporter or media organization, not even Hispanic ones, had the courage or the decency to question Andrew Cuomo's integrity and motive about what happened to the \$14 million dollars.

"I am pretty sure that if it were another individual from another race, things would have been different."

You should know that this gets even better. After weeks and weeks of a jury trial, the New York media, especially the New York Post, have been trying to influence the jury by publicizing only what the prosecutor stressed, and never indicating any rebuke of the defense. By doing this, they are trying to make sure that the jury will finally condemn Senator Espada. But in spite of all this, even the jury can't seem to get it together and make a final decision about Pedro Espada.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is an indication that there is doubt in peoples' minds. The community is questioning Andrew Cuomo's motive and integrity in accusing Pedro Espada of stealing \$14 million dollars.

Please understand that members of the community know that Pedro Espada has been the victim of a political witch hunt and political vengeance for his participation in the 2009 Senate coup.

I believe that even if the jury now finds Pedro Espada guilty, he has already won in the eyes of his community.

I am Senator Reverend Rubén Díaz and this is what you should know.