

SPITZER RESIGNS

Not a big surprise. Here's the bit I hope gets the most traction:

Over the course of my public life, I have insisted, I believe correctly, that people, regardless of their position or power, take responsibility for their conduct. I can and will ask no less of myself. For this reason, I am resigning from the office of governor.

I think it likely we'll find, over time, that those investigating Spitzer felt obliged to pursue what otherwise would not have merited a continued investigation. I suspect we'll learn that public people, like Spitzer, are going to be exposed to a lot more scrutiny—and otherwise unusual investigations—because of these new post-9/11 money laundering laws.

Still. Spitzer was a crusader about law and order. And, according to his own standards, that requires taking responsibility for his conduct. And that, at least, is how he's pitching his resignation.

Update: Via David Kurtz.

In response to press speculation, MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, said: "There is no agreement between this Office and Governor Eliot Spitzer, relating to his resignation or any other matter."

Does it sound to you like they still want to charge him?