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Statement

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COMPTROLLER SCOTT M. STRINGER STATEMENT ON SETTLEMENT OF PRE-LITIGATION CLAIM WITH DAVID RANTA

NEW YORK, NY— On Wednesday, the office of New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer settled a pre-litigation claim for \$6.4 million with David Ranta. Ranta filed a claim against New York City in May 2013 for damages related to his wrongful conviction and imprisonment of over 22 years for the 1990 murder of Rabbi Chaskel Werzberger.

“After a review process and negotiations, my office was able to reach a settlement with Mr. Ranta that is in the best interests of all parties and closes the door on a truly regrettable episode in our City’s history. I am pleased that my office was able to move quickly to resolve this claim.”

Under Chapter 5, Section 93 of the New York City Charter, the Comptroller has the authority to settle any claims against the City.

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