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## STATEMENT OF COMPTROLLER SCOTT M. STRINGER ON APPROVING THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN NEW YORK CITY AND THE CENTRAL PARK FIVE PLAINTIFFS

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I am announcing today that I have approved the proposed settlement in the Central Park Five case (*McCray et al. v. City of New York et al., 03-Civ. -9685, 03-Civ.-9974, 03-Civ.-10080 (DAB) (S.D.N.Y.)*.

In my judgment, this settlement is a prudent and equitable solution for all parties to the lawsuit and closes a very difficult chapter in our City's history. I would like to commend New York City's Law Department for their extensive efforts in reaching this settlement.