

Statement by NYCLU plaintiff Dewayne Richardson, Bronx, who was 40-years-old when he was sentenced to 1,095 days in isolation for nonviolent behavior after prison officials determined he filed false legal documents.

“I hope the settlement changes the culture in New York prisons so prison staff focus on rehabilitation instead of punishment. With these changes in place, I hope that people like me will now have a better chance at being productive citizens after we leave the system.

In particular, I want to thank Judge Scheindlin for taking the problems of solitary confinement so seriously.”