

Statement by lead plaintiff LeRoy Peoples, who served 780 consecutive days in isolation for nonviolent behavior after prison officials determined he filed false legal documents.

“Solitary confinement is mental torture that I wouldn’t want anyone to experience. A major milestone has been accomplished today. This settlement assures the people of New York and the families of incarcerated people that every possible measure is being taken to ensure that solitary confinement is no longer used so unjustly. I’m thankful that isolation will be less traumatizing and more humane for other people unfortunate enough to be in my situation in the future.”