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Re: Settlement Policy Change Request

Corporation Counsel Richardson-Lowry:

On August 4, 2026, CWBChicago reported that Francisco Nanez was arrested after attempting to engage in criminal sexual crimes involving a minor in May 2024. On Monday, he pleaded guilty to those charges. Last year, the Department of Law recommended an $8,000,000 settlement for him in an unrelated case involving a 1986 arson & murder case (*Or2025-0017375 - Case No 23 v 3162*).

We find it reprehensible that such a criminal would be receiving any taxpayer settlement. Settlements should be used to rebuild lives after mistakes happen, not given for the purposes of continuing a life of crime, perversion and abuse.

Therefore, we are asking for immediate changes in how approved settlements are distributed. First, they should not be paid in lump sums. Payments should be made in quarterly installments. Second, any person who engages in felonious criminal activity should have their respective settlement immediately suspended after the initial arrest and, if found guilty, voided.

We are happy to discuss this further at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

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