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Statement by Mayor Sam Adams on the Settlement of the James Chasse Case

“The City Attorney announced today that the City of Portland has reached a tentative settlement with the family of James Chasse, Jr. The settlement will not be final until City Council approves it next week, though I am confident my colleagues will see this outcome as the right thing to do.

“The resolution of the Chasse case brings to a close a very troubling chapter in the relationship between the Portland Police Bureau and the residents of this great city. The Chasse family has had to endure a very public examination of what is, at the end of the day, a very personal matter – the death of a loved one and the ability to know the facts, grieve the loss, and begin to move on. Likewise, the Portland Police Bureau has operated under increased scrutiny, especially in cases involving mental illness. And while there have been positive developments in how the police manage issues of use of force and medical transport, we need to be more proactive in making additional improvements.

“I want to thank the City Attorney for her commitment to finding an outcome that is amenable to all parties. And I want to thank the Chasse family for their strength and fortitude. I look forward to Council’s approval of this settlement, and to opening a new chapter in the relationship between the Portland community and its public safety professionals.”

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