

S.C. students to receive payment after drug raid

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CHARLESTON, S.C. — Students searched during a 2003 drug raid by police at Stratford High School are eligible for compensation of between \$6,000 and \$12,000 apiece, now that a federal judge has approved a \$16 million class-action settlement.

U.S. District Judge Patrick Michael Duffy approved the settlement Monday in a lawsuit filed against the Berkeley County School District and the Goose Creek Police Department by families of students affected by the raid.

Surveillance video captured the raid in which officers drew their guns, ordered students to lie on the floor and used a dog to search them for illegal drugs. Police found no drugs and no arrests were made. About 140 students were at the school.

The students will split \$1.2 million and their attorneys' will receive the remaining \$400,000.

Also, Goose Creek police

will be required to obtain a warrant before searching students on campus, according to the settlement.

Typically, officers have not had to obtain warrants or show probable cause to search students on campuses, said Graham Boyd, an attorney with the America Civil Liberties Union, which represented some of the students.

"That is, by our analysis, why the problem in Goose Creek happened," Boyd said. The police took advantage of more lenient rules and abused that discretion. (The settlement) gives to the students of Goose Creek a set of protections that is as robust as the protections adults enjoy."

Students involved in the drug sweep must file claims by July 28, said Marlon Kimpson, one of the attorneys for the students. A court-appointed claims administrator will determine which students are eligible for the money.

"It is now incumbent on the

students to take action and have their claim considered," Kimpson said.

The exact amount each student receives will depend on the final number of claims.

Since the raid, the school district and the Goose Creek Police Department have changed their policies for drug sweeps.

"You must conduct drug searches according to the U.S. Constitution," Kimpson said. "This settlement and this class-action lawsuit is notice to police officers and school officials across the nation that students don't shed their constitutional rights merely by entering a schoolhouse door."

Kimpson said many of the firm's clients have said they plan to use the money to pay for college or additional education.

The case drew national attention as a result of the videotapes. The Rev. Jesse Jackson led a protest march amid accusations blacks were unfairly targeted.

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90°	72°	88°	72°	88°	70°	87°	67°
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

Temperatures **Precipitation**

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IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Moon Phases
Thursday	6:19 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	Thursday	10:54 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	Last
Friday	6:20 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	Friday	11:24 p.m.	10:13 a.m.	New
Saturday	6:20 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	Saturday	11:52 p.m.	11:23 a.m.	First
Sunday	6:21 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	Sunday	none	12:32 p.m.	Full
Monday	6:22 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	Monday	12:20 a.m.	1:41 p.m.	
Tuesday	6:22 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	Tuesday	12:50 a.m.	2:59 p.m.	
Wednesday	6:23 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	Wednesday	1:22 a.m.	3:59 p.m.	

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta, SC	94 72	92 74	93 74	92 72	Memphis, TN	93 77	98 78	97 79	94 75
Augusta, GA	94 72	92 74	92 74	92 72	Myrtle Beach, SC	89 77	90 77	89 76	86 75
Charleston, SC	93 76	91 78	93 77	91 76	Norfolk, VA	96 76	98 74	97 75	89 74
Columbia, SC	94 74	92 75	92 74	92 74	Raleigh, NC	92 72	90 72	90 72	90 72
Durham, NC	90 72	90 72	89 72	89 71	Richmond, VA	94 73	90 72	91 72	91 71
Greensboro, NC	91 71	87 71	88 72	87 70	Roanoke, VA	90 70	89 69	90 71	87 69
Greenville, SC	91 71	89 73	89 72	86 71	Savannah, GA	90 74	90 78	92 74	92 76
Knoxville, TN	89 71	89 71	91 72	90 71	Wilmington, NC	93 76	93 76	91 75	89 74
Lynchburg, VA	90 67	90 67	91 68	88 68	Winston-Salem, NC	91 73	90 71	90 72	88 71

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	90 74	88 73	90 75	90 72	Miami	90 79	88 79	86 79	90 78
Boston	80 66	82 70	89 71	89 71	Minneapolis	94 73	93 74	95 75	99 77
Chicago	88 68	90 70	92 70	92 70	New Orleans	92 77	91 78	92 79	94 78
Cleveland	84 66	86 68	89 69	90 71	New York City	84 70	85 72	88 72	92 74
Dallas	98 77	96 77	96 76	96 78	Orlando	90 75	92 75	92 75	92 74
Denver	95 64	98 64	98 64	93 61	Pittsburgh	84 66	85 66	86 68	88 68
Detroit	90 70	90 70	92 70	92 72	Phoenix	110 88	108 87	105 85	105 85
Houston	92 75	92 76	94 76	95 77	San Francisco	70 58	72 56	72 56	72 55
Kansas City	96 74	98 76	101 74	95 74	Seattle	70 54	75 54	80 56	82 58
Los Angeles	88 64	92 66	93 66	95 68	Washington, DC	88 74	88 73	90 73	92 72

WORLD CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	75 54	70 54	70 55	73 57	Paris	85 55	84 57	84 58	88 59
Berlin	80 60	74 55	76 59	79 62	Rio de Janeiro	78 67	77 67	76 65	75 66
Buenos Aires	56 43	51 50	60 50	62 53	Rome	89 70	90 73	90 71	88 70
Cairo	97 73	96 73	96 72	96 74	San Juan	86 72	86 77	86 78	86 78
Jerusalem	80 60	80 61	82 60	83 60	Seoul	90 77	86 73	88 72	95 88
Johannesburg	63 40	59 41	60 42	53 41	Sydney	62 50	59 53	63 52	66 55
London	77 57	77 57	77 59	79 59	Tokyo	83 75	84 74	86 73	85 73
Mexico City	73 54	72 54	74 52	73 50	Toronto	84 68	86 71	90 72	92 70
Moscow	84 67	79 66	75 61	71 61	Zurich	70 58	70 52	62 53	63 50

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