



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Bill Perkins

Press Conference prior to NYC Council's Public Hearing on Central Park Jogger Case (left to right: Raymond Santana Jr., Sen. Bill Perkins, and Kharey Wise)

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Senator Bill Perkins insists that for the sake of justice, the Central Park Five must be paid!

The time has come, the moment is now! This is not the first time we have heard a lengthy and detailed outline and enumeration of the particulars of the Central Park Five case. These are a stark and distressing set of facts. No more need be said. Except, having been there, with the five, from the beginning: as a neighbor, as a friend, as a community activist out to see that justice was done, I'm compelled to add, without further ado, it's past time that these men get paid!

No matter what, the time is now. No matter the amount, it is not enough, not to restore to these long suffering men the years, the living and the trust they have lost. Justice delayed, is justice denied. This protracted outrage of justice remains, and will remain, an indelible stain on our city's record.

It reminds us of the urgency of our struggle against racism, the stubborn and fundamental tendency we must overcome in our city and in America.

Justice must no longer be delayed, the Central Park Five have got to be paid. Peace