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April 9, 2004 - A Texas woman who was molested by an EMT after collapsing at La Guardia Airport has settled her lawsuit against the city and will collect \$300,000, The Post has learned.

The woman, who was 18 years old when she was attacked in 1998, claimed in her suit she was fondled in the ambulance by Angel Cabrera, then 40, a medic who was called to the scene.

She said his partner had been flirting with her, making her afraid to yell out when Cabrera touched her breasts and genitals.

She was unable to fight back because her arms and hands were strapped down, it was revealed at Cabrera's 2000 criminal trial, where he was found guilty.

Cabrera, who lives in The Bronx, was convicted of sexual abuse and sentenced to probation.

"Part of me wishes that Angel suffered a little more," said the victim, a 24-year-old bank worker.

But she said that regardless of the outcome, "I can finally have closure in my life. Now that it's over, I can work through it and put it behind me.

"I've been dealing with this for six years. It's affected me sexually as a woman."

The city's lawyer, Janet Keller, said she felt the settlement "was in the best interest for all parties involved and that it would bring closure to the matter."

The lawsuit, filed in Queens Supreme Court, claimed that the city was aware of Cabrera's history of harassing women during emergency runs.

"When I heard he used his ambulance as a dating service, it disgusted me," said the victim.

Her lawyer, Dan Flanzig, said: "The city should have known about Cabrera's conduct. He had a history of inappropriate conduct."

The victim, who grew up in Westchester County, said she now fears riding in ambulances.

"You are very vulnerable," she said. "You shouldn't have to be worried about being sexually violated."