



State files lawsuit against Fargo landlord

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The North Dakota Department of Labor has filed a lawsuit against a Fargo landlord who is accused by at least three female tenants of sexually harassing them during their tenancy.

The suit, filed in Cass County District Court, claims Lowell Siebels, Harwood, N.D., committed housing discrimination against female tenants, citing one tenant who said Siebels made her have sex with him in lieu of rent.

Siebels has denied the allegation.

His wife, Carolyn, is also named in the suit. She is co-owner of the properties, which are in Fargo.

In April, the couple's attorney, Barton Cahill, said they had sold all but one of the rental properties.

The lawsuit asks the court to award unspecified damages to the victim and Fair Housing of the Dakotas, a representative of the victim. The suit also asks the court to hand out appropriate penalties to the Siebels, the document says.