

# Dugard files complaint against federal government

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A girl held captive for 18 years, enduring horrific abuse and neglect, filed a complaint against the U.S. government.

The complaint filed on behalf of Jaycee Lee Dugard does not seek a specific amount for the circumstances she endured, but rather asks a judge to make a settlement decision after a case is presented.

Dugard was kidnapped in 1991 from her South Lake Tahoe street when she was 11 years old. She was then held captive and repeatedly abused at the Antioch home of Phillip and Nancy Garrido. Dugard had two daughters during her 18-year captivity, fathered by Garrido.

According to a release from attorneys representing Dugard, she has tried to set up private mediation with Government officials in this matter, but those requests were denied. They filed the lawsuit with the Federal Government because they ultimately had parole supervision responsibility over Phillip Garrido when he was released from jail in 1988 until the State of California assumed responsibility in 1999. It was during this time that Dugard was kidnapped.

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