

Resort at Squaw Creek operators face federal lawsuit

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A property management company in Lake Tahoe violated federal law when it improperly handled a sexual harassment claim of a Resort at Squaw Creek employee, according to a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The commission said that the resort operator retaliated against the employee who filed a sexual harassment complaint against a co-worker.

The lawsuit claims that Shira Garfinkel was sexually harassed by a co-worker while she worked as a server and bartender between 2005 and 2007 at the resort which is run by Destination Hotels & Resorts. The suit states that she underwent unwanted touching and sexual advances. The harassment eventually led to the break-in of Garfinkel's home.

The EEOC's investigation determined that Resort at Squaw Valley failed to remedy the situation properly. The company took too long to implement steps to separate the two workers, and when it did, it violated federal law, the EEOC said.

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