

SLT's VHR fines redefining town's image

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The knock on the front door of the South Lake Tahoe vacation rental was a surprise.

It was the first family getaway together for Gus Pries and his extended family. With six adults, four children ranging from 3 months to 5 years old, suitcases, snow gear and groceries, the San Jose residents took three cars for their Presidents Day weekend trip.

A police officer said they were receiving a \$1,000 ticket for having one too many cars on site, and the property's owner would be fined an additional \$1,000. The family members' explanation that it was just temporary and they planned to move the third car fell on deaf ears, Pries said.

"It's preposterous and unfair," said Pries, a San Jose dentist. "I've never been treated so poorly as a tourist. It's not like we were having a big party or the 3-year-olds were doing a beer bong."

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