

Fact Sheet
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
Recent Charges, Settlements, and Enforcement Actions

Charges and Post-Charging Actions

- *Lagattuta v. Related Management Company, L.P., et al.* (02-23-3453-8). Respondent's maintenance worker sexually harassed Complainant, and Respondent's property manager, management company, and owner failed to take corrective action. Accordingly, FHEO charged the case as a Fair Housing Act violation.
- *Cluett v. Vetrano* (01-23-3210-8). Respondents unlawfully refused to rent to families with children. Accordingly, FHEO charged the case as a Fair Housing Act violation.
- *Bordeaux v. Newton Housing Authority, et al.* (07-24-2801-8). Respondents unlawfully issued Complainant lease violations and required her to move because she had a daughter living at the property. Accordingly, FHEO charged the case as a Fair Housing Act violation based on familial status.
- HUD and DOJ resolved [United States v. Jones \(25-cv-1081 \(E.D. Wis.\)\)](#). Joint agency action secured \$50,000 for Complainant. Respondent's property manager sexually harassed Complainant. The settlement also required Respondents to attend training and adopt new policies consistent with the Fair Housing Act.
- HUD and DOJ resolved [United States v. Montanus \(25-cv-195-SM-TSM \(D. N.H.\)\)](#). Joint agency action secured \$25,000 for Complainant where Respondents violated VAWA by penalizing Complainant after she sought police assistance in connection with a domestic violence incident. The settlement also required Respondents to attend VAWA training.
- HUD and DOJ resolved [United States v. Hankins \(25-cv-00160 \(E.D. Mo.\)\)](#). Joint agency action secured \$35,000 for Complainant where Respondents violated the Fair Housing Act by subjecting a female housing applicant to *quid pro quo* sexual harassment, among other harms. The settlement required Respondent Housing Authority employees to attend Fair Housing Act training and permanently barred Respondent from managing residential rental properties.
- HUD and DOJ resolved [United States v. Bell \(24-cv-03082-SRB \(W.D. Mo.\)\)](#). Joint agency action secured \$250,000 for Complainant where Respondents violated the Fair Housing Act by subjecting Complainant and other female tenants to sexual harassment and retaliation in residential rental properties by Respondent property manager. The settlement required Respondents to attend training consistent with the Fair Housing Act.

Settled Actions

- *VAWA Complainant v. Trenton Housing Authority* (01-24-4239-8/-V/-4). Respondent allegedly violated the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Case settled on February 4, 2026, with FHEO securing \$10,000 for Complainant, a waiver of rental arrears, and transfer of Complainant to a safe unit.

- *Jeffrey Brown and CNY Fair Housing, Inc. v. Dawn Homes Management LLC d/b/a DHM Properties* (02-24-4949-8 & 02-24-4950-8). Respondents allegedly violated the Fair Housing Act when they did not provide priority status on a transfer waitlist for Complainant's multiple transfer requests. Case settled on February 2, 2026, with FHEO securing \$30,800 for Complainant Brown and \$7,700 for CNY FH, Inc., and requiring Respondent to conduct policy revisions, training, submission of reasonable accommodation request records, and display of fair housing poster.
- *VAWA Complainant v. Dominion Management Services, LLC, et al.* (09-25-5664-V). Respondents allegedly violated VAWA by requiring Complainant to obtain a restraining order despite HUD's instruction to transfer Complainant. Case settled on February 17, 2026, with FHEO securing \$20,000 for Complainant, priority placement on the transfer list, and new VAWA policies and mandatory training for Respondents.
- *Frost, Rita v. Bay, Matthew and Rice Lake Housing Authority* (05-24-9141-8/-6/-4). Respondents allegedly violated the Fair Housing Act by ignoring Complainant's complaints about harassment from a male tenant and retaliated against Complainant with an eviction. Case settled on March 26, 2026, with FHEO securing \$15,000 for Complainant and requiring Respondents to attend training and revise policies consistent with Fair Housing Act.
- *Dustin Isom v. 5 SE MLK Blvd LLC* (10-24-3026-8). Respondents allegedly violated the Fair Housing Act by failing to provide a reasonable accommodation for Complainant's disability. Case settled on January 30, 2026, with FHEO securing \$20,000 for Complainant and requiring fair housing training for Respondents.
- *Borrell v. Michael Development LP, et al.* (05-25-1503-8). Respondents allegedly violated the Fair Housing Act by refusing to rent a two-bedroom apartment to a family of five because of the family's size. Case settled on March 2, 2026, with FHEO securing \$2,500 for Complainant and requiring Respondents to attend training, revise policies, and post fair housing posters consistent with the Fair Housing Act.
- *VAWA Complainant v. NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal, et al.* (02-24-5414-V). Respondents allegedly violated VAWA by failing to grant Complainant an extension of a voucher to obtain housing. Case settled on February 4, 2026, with FHEO securing Complainant a voucher and security deposit payment and requiring Respondents to attend training and revise policies consistent with VAWA.
- *Bielicke, Donna v. Verde Valley Manor Retirement Center, Inc., et al.* (09-24-5492-8/-4). Respondents allegedly violated the Fair Housing Act by failing to install grab bars and single handle faucets in the kitchen and bathrooms for disabled Complainant. Case settled on March 19, 2026, with FHEO securing reasonable modifications for Complainant to use and enjoy the unit and requiring Respondents to attend fair housing training and display fair housing poster.