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Federal RICO Suit Alleges $277,500 Real Estate Fraud Scheme Involving Mo Karney and Associate Luke Dickinson

Federal complaint alleges foreclosed properties, disputed ownership, backdated agreements, bad checks and $75,000 routed through a law firm account.

KANSAS CITY, MO, UNITED STATES, August 12, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A New Jersey investor has filed a federal civil RICO lawsuit alleging that Amogh Karney, also known as Mo Karney, his business associate Lukas Dickinson, CEO of Next Level Roofing, identified as Luke Dickinson in the federal complaint, and multiple related entities participated in a coordinated real estate investment scheme that caused the plaintiff to transfer at least $277,500 for purported property investments that allegedly could not be delivered as represented.

The 56 page complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey under Case No. 2:26 cv 08713 EP MAH. The plaintiff is represented by Nima Ameri, Esq. of Ameri Law Firm, LLC.

According to the complaint, the plaintiff was presented with investments involving Brookside Apartments, Park Avenue Apartments, Sunset Village and a related refinance transaction. The transactions were allegedly reinforced through physical property tours, rent rolls, title and loan documents, operating agreements, property personnel and discussions concerning a planned real estate investment trust.

The complaint alleges that Luke Dickinson participated alongside Karney as a buyer, co investor, finance participant, property participant and REIT participant. Dickinson allegedly participated in property tours, communicated regarding acquisitions and finances and signed Park Avenue related documents through Dickinson Holdings LLC. According to the complaint, his participation increased the apparent legitimacy of the transactions and created the appearance of independent validation.

The lawsuit alleges that the actual ownership and legal condition of the properties materially differed from what was presented.

For Park Avenue Apartments, the complaint alleges that foreclosure proceedings were already pending, a receiver had been appointed on February 7, 2023, and default relief had been entered on February 24, 2023, before the plaintiff invested.

For Brookside Apartments, the complaint alleges that the property was already subject to a lender lien, lis pendens, competing investor claims and foreclosure litigation.

For Sunset Village, the complaint alleges that another company owned the property when the plaintiff invested and that the property later became the subject of competing ownership claims and litigation.

The complaint further alleges that operating agreements were backdated to March 15, 2023. Karney allegedly represented that the dates were required for REIT tax and ownership purposes, while the plaintiff alleges the dating instead concealed foreclosure proceedings, ownership disputes and lack of transfer authority.

According to the complaint, the plaintiff transferred at least $277,500, received only $2,376 in actual distributions, and later received two checks totaling $6,217.29 that allegedly failed to provide payment.

The complaint asserts federal civil RICO and RICO conspiracy claims, along with fraud, fraudulent concealment, aiding and abetting fraud, civil conspiracy, conversion, unjust enrichment, breach of contract and other claims. The plaintiff also filed a report with the Cliffside Park Police Department concerning the transactions and bad checks.

The plaintiff seeks recovery of losses, treble and punitive damages, restitution, tracing of funds, accounting and other relief. The allegations in the newly filed federal lawsuit remain pending and have not been adjudicated.

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