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Labor Dept. claims landlord biased

FARGO (AP) — The state Labor Department's human rights division says a former landlord here who was accused of sexual harassment by at least three female tenants committed housing discrimination.

Accusations made against Lowell Siebels of Harwood include propositions for sex in lieu of rent, according to the complaints.

Carolyn Siebels, Lowell Siebels' wife and co-owner of the properties, also was named in the complaints.

"We've issued a denial of the allegations," said the Siebels' attorney, Barton Cahill.

He said the Siebels have sold all of their rental properties except one, which they are trying to sell.

Cahill also said that the women who filed the complaints plan to take the case to state district court.