



Jury awards \$3.87 million in Molokai condo dispute

HONOLULU -

A jury awarded Molokai residents Jim and Nancy Bevill last week \$3.87 million in general and punitive damages against a condominium association, according to an attorney representing the Bevills.

The couple said they were targets of threats, harassment and intimidation by an unlicensed contractor and the resident manager.

Honolulu attorney Terry Revere said the unlicensed contractor had a criminal record and was hired to do various tasks around the Ke Nani Kai Condominium in West Molokai.

A small group of apartment owners that controlled the condominium's board of directors either directed or condoned the campaign of abuse, according to a lawsuit filed against the Ke Nani Kai Association of Apartment Owners, its board of directors and several individuals.

Revere said the intimidation lasted for several years and continued even after the Bevills went to court in mid-2008.

Revere described it as "the West Molokai version of 'Lord of the Flies' or the equivalent of a John Ford western where an isolated town is run by a villain and his collection of thugs."

The jury found the condominium association's board of directors, and its employees and agents violated state condominium laws. They were also found to be engaged in a variety of illegal acts including racketeering, civil conspiracy, gross negligence, malicious prosecution, breach of contract, and both negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Revere said it appears to be the largest monetary judgement of its kind on record anywhere in the country in a case involving an internal dispute among factions of owners in a condominium.

"The jury sent a very strong message," said Revere. "If you abuse your owners, and engage in anything close to the outrageous conduct that happened here, juries aren't going to stand for it."

Copyright 2012 by [KITV](#). All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.
