

Ann Arbor landlord accused of discriminating against visiting U-M professor

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An anti-discrimination group has sued a rental company in **Ann Arbor**, saying its owner illegally denied an apartment to a visiting professor because she had two children.

The **Fair Housing Center** (<http://www.fhcmichigan.org/>) of Southeastern Michigan said Tuesday that it filed the federal lawsuit on behalf of University of Florida professor **Tracey Barnett** against **Tree City Properties** and owner Catherine Alawi.

The center says that Barnett sought a two-bedroom summer rental for herself and her 5- and 8-year-old daughters while attending the **University of Michigan**.

It says Alawi at first agreed to rent to Barnett but then told her the bedrooms were too small for three.

The housing center says Barnett ended up commuting from the home of Detroit-area relatives.

The Associated Press left email and phone request for comment from Alawi.

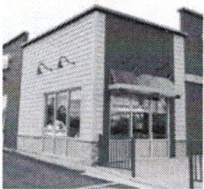


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