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Home park sued over rent increases

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The Massachusetts attorney general is suing the owner of a manufactured housing community in Taunton for "unfair and retaliatory rent increases."

Willow Terrace Mobile Home Park, at 1 Willow Terrace, is a 74-unit all-ages community owned by BoaVida Communities, which owns 250 manufactured housing sites across the country, according to a Sept. 9 statement from the Attorney General's Office about the law-

"As our residents living in manufactured housing communities continue to grapple with rising costs, the last thing they need is community owners violating their rights and our state laws by raising rents as a form of retaliation,"

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell said in a written statement.

Allegations

Willow Terrace was acquired by Boa-Vida in November 2022, according to the lawsuit filed in Suffolk Superior Court in Boston on Sept. 9.

Residents of Willow Terrace all had See LAWSUIT, Page 2A

the same flat rate rent of \$302 a month for their manufactured home's lot space and amenities offered at the park. The state alleges most residents saw rents increase annually since the acquisition, going up to \$535 total per month in

The lawsuit says BoaVida introduced non-uniform rent structures to Willow





Danie Wright, a Brockton native living in Florida, and her 4-month-old Shih Tzu mix Dax, who she saved from an alligator attack Sept. 3. PROVIDED/DANIE WRIGHT

Brockton native goes viral for saving pup from gator attack

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Danie Wright, a Brockton native living in Land O'Lakes, Florida, never thought she'd go viral.

That changed Wednesday, Sept. 3, when she jumped into a creek and took on an alligator to save the life of her four-month-old Shih Tzu mix, Dax.

Two weeks later, the story of her heroic rescue has been featured by The New York Times, People Magazine and local news outlets across the globe, from Massachusetts, Florida and Seattle, to India and Belgium.

"It's crazy," she told The Enterprise during a phone call Wednesday, Sept. 17. "But anyone would do it. Instincts kick in. I'm not going to stand there and listen to and watch my dog get mauled by an alligator," she said.

Wright said she still can't stop replaying the sound of Dax's initial yelp as a five-foot gator — small for Florida standards — emerged from a creak and grabbed her five-pound pup.

The incident occurred as she walked out the back door of her Florida home on the morning of Sept. 3 for a routine dog walk.

"All of a sudden, I heard the loudest

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ANALYSIS

Other late-night hosts could get the ax

Unclear whether network execs will stand up to politicians, shareholders

Kelly Lawler

USA TODAY

It's a cold September morning for the remaining hosts of late-night TV.

ABC has "indefinitely" suspended "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" following the host's comments about the arrest made in the fatal shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk.

Disney-owned ABC said on Sept. 17 that it will stop airing "Kimmel" after the Trump-appointed head of the Federal Communications Commission expressed ire at the host's comments and broadcaster Nexstar announced intentions not to air the show. "'Jimmy Kimmel Live' will be pre-empted indefinitely," a spokesperson for ABC told USA TODAY in a statement.

It's a shocking and unprecedented development in the world of late night, in the TV industry at large, and in the country itself. In its 91-year history, the FCC has routinely reserved its moderation of broadcast TV to regulating lewd or profane content.

For the long history of late-night TV, from Johnny Carson to Jay Leno to Kimmel and his current fellows, hosts have had free rein to say what they want on any topic, no matter how controversial or political.

But maybe not anymore. Earlier this year, CBS announced that it was canceling "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" after the 2025-2026 TV season - ostensibly because of finances, although President Donald Trump and conservatives celebrated.

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