

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

FREDI GARCIA, et al.

on behalf of themselves and all
others similarly situated.

Plaintiffs

Civ. No. 09-1201 HGB-PWD

(SECT. C, MAG. 4)

AUDUBON COMMUNITIES MANAGEMENT,
LLC, et al.

Defendants.

Collective Action

SIXTY EIGHT (68) CLASS MEMBERS

WHEREAS FREDI LUMBERTO MEJIVAR-GARCIA (a.k.a. Fred Garcia), MIGUEL ANGEL VILLENA,

GARCIA JOSE SALVADOR, RALLADARES, VICTOR MANUEL MATDONADO, ADRIANA VILLENA, DENIS AMADOR DIAZ, EMILIO SALGUERO FUENTES, REYES AGUILAR-GARCIA,

JOSE EDUARDO GARCIA HERNANDEZ, EDGAR JOSE VANI GARCIA MARTINEZ, SANTOS

LARA, EDWIN GARCIA SALVADOR LOPEZ, EDUARDO GARCIA VILLENA, GUSTAVO GARCIA (Named Plaintiffs), and JOSE MOISES VIEZ (a.k.a. Moises Lopez),

EDGAR VALLE, HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, MARVIN PEREZ, NATHAN CARLSON, ORLANDO VERDE, ARMANDO MURILLO, TOMAS MEJILLA, JOSE MEJIA, JOSE

MARTINEZ, MANUEL LOPEZ VILLENA, ADALBERTO LOPEZ VILLENA, DARIO Lobo), EDIN EDILBERTO LOBO RUIZ (a.k.a. Dario Lobo), RAMON ALBERTO GALVEZ

HERNANDEZ (a.k.a. Adrian Lobo), MARIO HERNANDEZ, ADAN HERNANDEZ, ELIDER

GARCIA-JESUS GARCIA OSCAR RIVERO GARCIA

CASCO JOSE BARRERA MIGUEL ANGEL ALVAREZ MORENO

GARCIA-MALDONADO (a/k/a Leo Compte) ("Opt-In Plaintiffs")

"Opt-In Plaintiffs" collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs" have commenced a lawsuit ("the action") against AUDUBON COMMUNITIES MANAGEMENT, LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS, LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS HOLDINGS I, LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS HOLDINGS II, LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS PARTNERS, LLC; AGS ALGIERS, LLC; AUDUBON BRIDGE CITY, LLC; AUDUBON BRIDGE CITY PARTNERS, LLC; ALDUBON LTD., LLC; JACKSON PARTNERS, LLC; AUDUBON REALTY CAPITAL, LLC; ANDREW SCHWARTZ and CHARLES DOWDERS ("Defendants" or "Defendant").

Eastern District of Louisiana, hearing Civil Action Number 09-1201-HGB-KEM/ (hereinafter "MAG. 4).

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and Defendants wish to conclude this action amicably,

the costs and distraction of further litigation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual promises and consideration

contained herein, as follows:

1. This action is settled on the following terms and conditions:

A. Defendants will pay a total of \$215,000.00 ("Settlement Amount") to Plaintiff

Of the Settlement Amount, \$170,000.00 shall be paid to Plaintiff for amounts to

be allocated as back wages, liquidated damages, and consequential damages

forth in ¶ 1.D(2), infra, of this Settlement Agreement, and \$45,000.00 to Plaintiff

R. Plaintiff agrees to accept the D-1 Settlement Agreement and to accept the Prejudice attached hereto as Exhibit A.

consistent with the D-1 Settlement Agreement, and to accept the Prejudice attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Settlement Agreement resolves, settles and compromises any and all claims that

have been brought, or could have been brought, against Defendants, in any court, administrative agency, or other forum, in any jurisdiction, in any cause of action, or in any proceeding,

arising out of the conduct of Defendants with respect to the Plaintiff's residential buildings,

between February 2005 and the date on which this Settlement Agreement is executed.

(1) The Audubon Pointe apartment complex, located in New Orleans,

Louisiana;

(2) The Audubon Villas apartment complex, located in New Orleans,

Louisiana;

(3) The Audubon Park apartment complex, located in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

(4) The Audubon Grove apartment complex, located in Jackson, Mississippi.

C. Defendants shall pay Plaintiff

owed them in full settlement of all claims. Defendants may have against Plaintiff,

consistent with the terms set forth in the D-1 Settlement Agreement, and to accept the Prejudice attached hereto as Exhibit A.

D. The transaction of this Settlement Agreement shall take effect as follows and in the following

order:

(1) On or before January 9, 2009, Defendants and Defendants' counsel shall

sign this Settlement Agreement and the Release attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Prejudice, attached hereto as Ex. C. These documents should be delivered to the Southern Poverty Law Center 233 Peachtree Street, Suite 2150, Atlanta, GA 30303 via traceable overnight courier.

(2) On or before January 9, 2009, Defendants shall draft and deliver to the Plaintiff's attorney a check for

separate certified checks to the Plaintiff's attorney and the Southern Poverty Law Center 233

Peachtree Street, Suite 2150, Atlanta, GA 30303 via traceable overnight

courier. One certified check shall be payable to "Southern Poverty Law Center" in the amount of \$26,058.47; one certified check shall be payable

to "The Pro Bono Project" in the amount of \$19,020.00; and one certified

check shall be payable to the "National Employment Law Project" in the amount of

amount of \$910.00. These payments shall satisfy the Plaintiff's attorney's fees and costs portion of the Settlement Amount. The Southern

Poverty Law Center shall hold these checks in escrow until such time as

the Court has so ordered the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

(3) On or before January 9, 2009, Defendants shall draft and deliver to the

Southern Poverty Law Center 233 Peachtree Street, Suite 2150, Atlanta,

GA 30303 via traceable overnight courier one certified check payable to "Southern

Poverty Law Center Client Trust Fund" in the amount of \$6170,000.00

(hereinafter "Damages Payment"). This check shall be held in escrow until such time as the Court has so ordered the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

- 10, *infra*, of this agreement. The Southern Poverty Law Center shall

hold this check in escrow until such time as the Court has so ordered the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

(4) The Damages Payment due to Plaintiff(s) is \$1,272.53.

below, less any applicable taxes and pursuant to the procedure set forth in

with payment of \$ 10.00 - 50% -

		Damages)
Damages Total Amount	\$ 0.00	
Plaintiff Name		
Jose Carlos Barrera-Serrano	318.56	318.56
Ana Ruth Garcia-Maldonado (aka. Mrs. Canales)	2,222.07	2,222.07
Alexis Leonor Mendoza-Castellanos	1,424.61	1,424.61
Oscar Dubon	3,181.32	3,181.32
Fredi Garcia	2,255.21	2,255.21
Lorena Flores-Chavez Hernandez	4,000.00	4,000.00
Auan Hernandez-Mendez	1,272.53	1,272.53
Subtotal	2,270.00	4,401.11

Xamon Alberto Galvez Hernandez (a.k.a. Xamon Alberto Galvez)	1,908.79	1,908.79
Adrian Lobo		
Edin Edilberto Lobo-Ruiz (a.k.a. Dario Lobo)	1,908.79	1,908.79
Wilmer Adalberto Lobo-Perez (a.k.a. Wilmer Lobo)	1,491.64	1,491.64
Geobany Lobo		
Manuel Lopez	2,332.97	2,332.97
Jose Moises Videz (a.k.a. Moises Lopez)	2,120.88	2,120.88
Tomas Irenna	742.72	742.72
Hector Omar Rodriguez-Nunez	1,272.53	1,272.53
Nelson Ochoa-Jimenez	4,007.55	
Musael Garcia Rodriguez	2,298.75	4,597.51
José Salvador Poblete-Barvudor Banqueres	2,298.75	4,597.51
Victor Manuel Maldonado-Arite	2,312.89	4,625.79
Emilio Salguero-Sarmiento	2,312.89	4,625.79
Reyes Aemilar Garcia	3,062.27	6,124.54
Dennis Amador Diaz	2,213.92	4,427.84
Mario Hernandez-Mendez	1,527.03	1,527.03
Luis Alberto Valle	1,272.53	1,272.53

percentage (4) of Plaintiff's back wages.

Plaintiffs' counsel will mail such funds to:

checks to Plaintiffs' counsel

(10) Audubon Communities Management, LLC shall within 15 days of receipt

of Plaintiff's check, mail a Settlement Release, issue and

deliver to Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney, and Plaintiff's address:

Atlanta, GA 30303 via traceable overnight carrier.

amount to the Plaintiff's back wages as set forth in ¶ 11, less

supra... less any applicable taxes on back wage withholdings by Audubon

Company Management, LLC.

of the employer's share of any payroll taxes arising out of any back wage

payment, unless that back wages payment is subject to backup
withholding.

(11) If Defendants do not default on their obligations under this Agreement,

within 15 days of the signing of (a) the Settlement Agreement

and (b) the Settlement Release, Plaintiff's attorney shall file a motion

for preliminary injunction to restrain Defendants from filing any

lawsuit or proceeding against Plaintiff for any claim arising out of

the Settlement Agreement or the Settlement Release.

to be so ordered by the Court.

2. In the event of any litigation alleging non-compliance with the Settlement Agreement or

the Release, such litigation shall occur before Section C of the United States District Court for

the terms of this Settlement Agreement or the Release. Plaintiff and Defendants shall

prevail, that prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of its reasonable attorney's fees with regard to enforcing this Settlement Agreement or the Release.

3. The parties agree that upon ratification of this agreement, they shall submit to the U.S.

District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana joint motion to extend the deadline for filing motions for dismissal of this case with prejudice (set forth in ¶ D-1, D-2, 100, 111, 114 and 115).

4. By executing this Settlement Agreement, Defendants do hereby acknowledge and agree that

renewed and republished upon Audubon Communities Management, LLC's receipt from the

Southern Poverty Law Center at any proceeds described in ¶ 1(D)(V)(O) and ¶ 1(D)(V)(P); that this is a material representation.

5. The Southern Poverty Law Center declares that it will issue out of its Client Trust

Account the checks to Audubon Communities Management, LLC described in ¶ 1(D)(V)(O) and ¶ 1(D)(V)(P);

with the payment terms set forth in ¶ 1(D)(V)(U), *supra*. Defendants agree that if Audubon

Communities Management, LLC fails to make payment in accordance with the payment terms, or if a material misstatement

made to be published with intent to deceive.

6. All Defendants shall be jointly and severally liable under the Settlement Agreement.

Settlement Agreement.

7. Defendants agree that in the event that any Plaintiff seeks a reference for employment

Defendants shall provide a neutral reference that shall be limited to information concerning

which that Plaintiff was employed and the position that he held.

8. Defendants agree that no action will be taken by any Defendant or agent of any Defendant

against the Plaintiffs named in this agreement for their participation in this Settlement Agreement

lawsuit. Defendants specifically warrant that they will not initiate contact with any law

enforcement agencies including any division of the United States Department of Homeland

Security (or of its constituent agencies) regarding any of the individuals named in this Settlement

and/or any pending applications or petitions or proceedings which may be pending with respect

to any of the individuals named in this agreement. The parties agree and recognize, however,

that Defendants have a legal obligation to cooperate with federal, state, and local law

enforcement agencies and officials, which compelled to do so by subpoena or other formal

process and this Settlement Agreement by any Defendant or agent or employee thereof, such cooperation shall not constitute a violation of this Settlement Agreement. Moreover, in the

event that any Plaintiff is subsequently apprehended, detained, or arrested, such actions shall not,

in and of themselves, constitute proof that any Defendant or agent or employee thereof has

breached any paragraph of this Settlement Agreement.

9. Defendants shall indemnify, defend, and hold Plaintiffs harmless for any failure by any

Defendant to comply with federal, state, or local laws or regulations during the course of this Settlement

Agreement.

10. Plaintiffs shall indemnify, defend, and hold Defendants harmless for any failure by any

agreement.

~~and does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing or violation of any state, federal, or local laws by any Defendant.~~

~~Amended Complaint do not constitute proof of wrongdoing or violation of any state, federal, or local laws by any Defendant.~~

or local laws by any Defendant.

12. The Southern Poverty Law Center affirms that it is authorized by Plaintiffs to execute this Settlement Agreement on their behalf.

13. Andrew Schwarz affirms that he is authorized by all Defendants to execute this Settlement Agreement and the Release on all Defendants' behalf.

14. The parties have consulted with their respective attorneys and have read, understood, and executed it voluntarily and of their own free will. Moreover, the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Release have been fully explained in detail by Plaintiffs' counsel to each of their respective clients, and similarly by Defendants' counsel to each Plaintiff. Each party expressly waives any argument or claim that

the nature and terms of the agreement.

15. Each of the undersigned Parties represents and warrants that he or she has the full authority necessary to execute and perform all obligations under this Settlement

Agreement, whether or not consummated, shall not in any event be

construed or deemed for any purpose whatsoever as a confession

as or deemed to be evidence of a guilty plea, conviction, or admission of guilt.

~~counterclaim or third party claims which have been asserted in this action. Defendants shall not assert any defense which has or could have been asserted in this action. Defendants shall not assert any defense which has or could have been asserted in this action.~~

~~Defendants were their employers and Defendants deny that they knowingly employed Plaintiffs.~~

~~17. Plaintiffs and Defendants, through their counsel, have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Settlement Agreement; therefore, this Settlement Agreement shall not be construed against either Plaintiff or Defendant.~~

~~Defendants with respect to all matters relating to this Settlement Agreement and supersede all prior agreements or understandings. Plaintiff and Defendants shall not be bound by any documents, covenants, conditions or representations not expressly contained herein.~~

~~10. This Settlement Agreement may not be modified or changed in any way, and may be terminated only by an agreement in writing by both parties hereto.~~

~~change is sought.~~

~~20. Any notice to the parties regarding the provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall be given by overnight courier service, addressed as follows:~~

For Plaintiff:

Daniel Werner, Esq.
Southern Poverty Law Center
Immigrant Justice Project
233 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

For Defendants:

Mr. Andrew Schwarz
Audubon Communities Management
1000 South Lincoln Road
Building 1, Suite 203
Manalapan, New Jersey 08052

and

Sher Garner Cahill Richter

Klein & Hilbert, L.L.C.
909 Poydras Street 28th Fl.
New Orleans LA 70112-1034

21. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in multiple copies.

executed signature pages from each actual or electronic counterpart may be joined together and attached to one such original, which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

22. This Settlement Agreement shall bind Plaintiff's heirs, successors,

affiliates, successors and assigns.

23. All representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained in this Settlement

Agreement shall survive the execution and delivery of this Settlement Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

For Plaintiffs



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Daniel Werner, Esq.
Southern Poverty Law Center
Immigrant Justice Project
233 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

For Defendants:

Mr. Andrew Schwarz
Audubon Communities Management
1000 South Lenola Road
Building 1, Suite 203
Maple Shade, New Jersey 08052

and


Elwood F. Cahill, Esq.
Sher Garner Cahill Richter
Klein & Hilbert, L.L.C.
909 Poydras Street, 28th Fl.
New Orleans, LA 70112-1033

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AUDUBON COMMUNITIES MANAGEMENT,
LLC, et al.

Collective Action

RELEASE

Defendants AUDUBON COMMUNITIES MANAGEMENT, LLC; ALFREDON AL

LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS HOLDINGS I, LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS HOLDINGS II,

LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS PARTNERS, LLC; AGS ALGIERS, LLC; AUDUBON BRIDGE

AUDUBON BATON ROUGE PARTNERS, LLC; AUDUBON JACKSON, LLC; ANDREW

JACKSON PARTNERS, LLC; AUDUBON REALTY CAPITAL, LLC; ANDREW

SCHWARZ, and CHARLES REHYER, their heirs, executors, administrators, agents, successors,
and assigns ("Defendant Releases") hereby release each and every named Plaintiff, Individual

Plaintiff and Child Plaintiff, their heirs, executors, administrators, agents, successors,

and assigns ("Plaintiff Releases"), from all actions

money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, warranties,

Defendant Palazzotto now has

matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the day

Agreement. This Deed and

Agreement between the parties mentioned to and the date

identified above has authorized Andrew Schwarz to execute this document on the 1st day

ANDREW SCHWARZ

Date
1/1/09

MANAGEMENT, LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS, LLC;
AUDUBON-ALGIERS HOLDINGS I, LLC;
AUDUBON-ALGIERS HOLDINGS II, LLC;
AUDUBON-ALGIERS PARTNERS LLC AGS

AUDUBON BRIDGE CITY PARTNERS, LLC,
AUDUBON JACKSON PARTNERS, LLC; AUDUBON
PARTNERS, LLC; AUDUBON JACKSON, LLC,
AUDUBON JACKSON PARTNERS, LLC; AUDUBON
REALTY CAPITAL, LLC; ANDREW SCHWARZ
and CHARLES REHYER.

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AUDUBON COMMUNITIES MANAGEMENT,)	
LLC, et al.)	Collective Action
Defendants.)	
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RELEASE

Plaintiff _____ being executors, administrators, agents, successors
and assigns ("Plaintiff Releases") hereby release Defendants AUDUBON COMMUNITIES
MANAGEMENT, LLC; AUDUBON ALGIERS, LLC; AUDUBON ALGIERS HOLDINGS,
LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS HOLDINGS II, LLC; AUDUBON-ALGIERS PARTNERS, LLC;
AGS ALGIERS, LLC; AUDUBON BRIDGE CITY, LLC; AUDUBON BRIDGE CITY
AUDUBON JACKSON, LLC; AUDUBON JACKSON PARTNERS, LLC; AUDUBON

accounts, reckoning, bonds, bills, or otherwise,

promises, variances, transcripts, demands, and all other documents.

Plaintiff Releasees over hear now have of her cause of action, or may, waive, for, from, or by reason of any

matter, cause, or thing from the beginning of the world to the date of this Release.

this Release. Plaintiff represents and warrants that he has not assigned to another party any claim,

he has or had against Defendant Releasees. Plaintiff relinquishes, and agrees not to seek or

accept, any monetary award against the Defendant Releasees arising from any claim or cause

asserted or to be asserted (if at all) by any governmental agency based on any act or omission

occurring prior to the date of this Release. This Release does not extend to rights and remedies

arising under the Settlement Agreement between the parties pursuant to which this Release was

executed.

DATE

PRINTED NAME