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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

MHRC No. H16-0072

HUD No. 01-16-4040-8

May 19, 2016

Sabrina Tremblay and Joseph Stevens (Buxton)

v.

Peter Tucci (Buxton)

I. Complaint:

Complainants alleged that Respondent discriminated against them on the basis of familial status in the terms and conditions of housing by posting an unlawful advertisement, making unlawful inquiries, and by refusing to rent them the housing accommodation.¹

II. Respondent's Answer:

Respondent did not refute Complainants' allegations but denied discriminatory intent. Respondent stated that he does not rent to families with minor children because he wants to protect his property from damage.

III. Jurisdictional Data:

- 1) Dates of alleged discrimination: October 2, 2015.
- 2) Date complaint filed with the Maine Human Rights Commission ("Commission"): February 11, 2016.
- 3) Respondent owns two rental properties and is subject to the Maine Human Rights Act ("MHRA"), the federal Fair Housing Act ("FHA"), and state and federal housing regulations.
- 4) Complainant is represented by Jill Hunter, Esq. Respondent is not represented by counsel.

¹ In his response to the Commission's Request for Information and Documents, Respondent stated that he does not rent to recipients of Section 8 housing. Because Complainants did not raise public assistance as an allegation of discrimination in their initial complaint and did not subsequently submit an amended complaint to include discrimination on the basis of public assistance, this allegation will not be addressed further in the report.