



Maine Human Rights Commission

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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT
MHRC # H17-0074; HUD # 01-17-6296-8
June 9, 2017

Amelia Harmon (Naples)

v.

**Jo-Anne Connolly (Bridgton) &
John Siciliani (Bridgton)**

I. Summary of Case:

Complainant Amelia Harmon was a long-term tenant of the First and Last Motel in Bridgton (“the Premises”), owned by Respondent Jo-Anne Connolly (“Connolly”) with maintenance assistance performed by her grandson Respondent John Siciliani. Complainant alleged that Respondents, who live on Premises, discriminated against her when they made discriminatory statements about Complainant’s family members, subjected Complainant to a hostile housing environment, treated her differently in the terms and conditions of her housing and tried to evict her, all because of the race of persons with which she is associated. Respondents did not respond substantively to the Complaint in this case. The Investigator conducted a preliminary investigation, which included reviewing all documents submitted by Complainant, holding an Issues and Resolution Conference (“IRC”), and requesting additional information. Based on this information, the Investigator recommends that the Commission find that there are reasonable grounds to believe that Respondents discriminated against Complainant based on the protected class status of her house guests.

II. Jurisdictional Data:

- 1) Dates of alleged discrimination: June 2, 2016 through November 1, 2016.
- 2) Date complaint filed with the Maine Human Rights Commission (“Commission”): March 13, 2017.
- 3) Respondents are subject to the Maine Human Rights Act (“MHRA”) and the federal Fair Housing Act (“FHA”), as well as state and federal housing regulations.
- 4) Complainant is represented by Frank D’Alessandro, Esq. Respondents are not represented by counsel.

III. Development of Facts:

- 1) Complainant provided the following in support of her claims:

On or about June 2, 2016, soon after moving into the Premises, Complainant was at the Premises with