## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

BRIAN C. WILLIAMS, et al.,	)
	)
Plaintiffs,	)
	)
V.	)
THE ESTATES LLC, ET AL.,	)
	)
Defendants.	)

1:19-CV-1076

## **JUDGMENT**

WHEREAS, this matter came on for trial before a jury beginning on April 4, 2022.WHEREAS, the jury returned its verdict in favor of the plaintiffs on April 8, 2022.Doc. 235.

WHEREAS, the Court concludes, as a matter of law, that the conduct by the

Defendants was unfair and deceptive in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75.1-1.

## NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:

Based on the verdict of the jury, which awarded plaintiff Brian Williams compensatory damages as to his three causes of action, judgment is entered in favor of

Brian Williams as follows:

 For bid rigging in violation of federal and state antitrust law, Defendants Craig Brooksby, Tonya Newell, Carolyn Souther, Avirta LLC, GG Irrevocable Trust, King Family Enterprises LLC, Red Tree Holdings LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, The Estates Real Estate Group LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC, Versa Properties, LLC shall be and are jointly and severally liable to Brian Williams in the amount of \$261,900, which consists of \$87,300 in compensatory damages trebled pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 15 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1, *et seq*. The same Defendants are also jointly and severally liable to Brian Williams for prejudgment interest on the compensatory damages of \$87,300 at the legal rate of 8 percent interest in the amount of \$17,412.16 from the date of filing through April 15, 2022 PLUS per diem prejudgment interest of \$19.13 on the compensatory damages of \$87,300 until judgment is entered PLUS interest at the legal federal rate after entry of judgment on the total amount, including prejudgment interest;

- 2. For conduct amounting to attempted extortion, Defendants Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC shall be and are jointly and severally liable to Brian Williams in the amount of \$105,000, which consists of \$35,000 in compensatory damages trebled pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-16. The same Defendants are also jointly and severally liable to Brian Williams for prejudgment interest on the compensatory damages of \$35,000 at the legal rate of 8 percent interest in the amount of \$6,980.82 from the date of filing through April 15, 2022 PLUS per diem prejudgment interest of \$7.67 on the compensatory damages until judgment is entered PLUS interest at the legal federal rate after entry of judgment on the total amount, including prejudgment interest;
- 3. For unjust enrichment, Defendants Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC, Versa

Properties LLC shall be and are jointly and severally liable to Brian Williams in the amount of \$110,000 PLUS prejudgment interest at the legal rate of 8 percent interest in the amount of \$21,939.73 from the date of filing through April 15, 2022 PLUS per diem prejudgment interest of \$24.11 until judgment is entered PLUS interest at the legal federal rate after entry of judgment on the total amount, including prejudgment interest.

Thus, excluding postjudgment interest, the named defendants are jointly and severally liable to the plaintiff Brian C. Williams the following amounts in damages and interest:

Cause of Action	Defendants Jointly and Severally Liable	Total Damages	Prejudgment Interest from Date of Filing to April 15, 2022	Per Diem Interest from April 15, 2022, to Entry of Judgment
Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and state antitrust law, N.C. Gen. Stat § 75-1	Craig Brooksby, Tonya Newell, Carolyn Souther, Avirta LLC, GG Irrevocable Trust, King Family Enterprises LLC, Red Tree Holdings LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, The Estates Real Estate Group LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC, Versa Properties, LLC	\$261,900	\$17,412.16	\$19.13
North Carolina's Unfair and Deceptive Trade	Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC	\$105,000	\$6,980.82	\$7.67

Practices Act, N.C. Gen. § 75- 1.1				
Unjust Enrichment	Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC, Versa Properties LLC	\$110,000	\$21,939.73	\$24.11

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, based on the verdict of the jury, which awarded plaintiffs Maricol de Leon and Jairo da Costa compensatory damages as to their three causes of action, judgment is entered for Ms. de Leon and Mr. da Costa as follows:

4. For bid rigging in violation of federal and state antitrust law, Defendants Craig Brooksby, Tonya Newell, Carolyn Souther, Avirta LLC, GG Irrevocable Trust, King Family Enterprises LLC, Maldives LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, The Estates Real Estate Group LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC shall be and are jointly and severally liable to Maricol de Leon and Jairo da Costa in the amount of \$255,000.00, which consists of \$85,000 in compensatory damages trebled pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 15 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1, *et seq*. The same Defendants are also jointly and severally liable to Maricol de Leon and Jairo da Costa for prejudgment interest on the compensatory damages of \$85,000 at the legal rate of 8 percent interest in the amount of \$16,953.42 from the date of filing through April 15, 2022 PLUS per diem prejudgment interest of \$18.63 until judgment is entered PLUS interest at

the legal federal rate after entry of judgment on the total amount, including prejudgment interest;

- 5. For conduct amounting to attempted extortion, Defendants Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, Maldives LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC shall be and are jointly and severally liable to Maricol de Leon and Jairo da Costa in the amount of \$150,000, which consists of \$50,000 in compensatory damages trebled pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-16. The same Defendants are also jointly and severally liable to Maricol de Leon and Jairo da Costa for prejudgment interest on the compensatory damages of \$50,000 at the legal rate of 8 percent interest in the amount of \$9,972.60 from the date of filing through April 15, 2022 PLUS per diem prejudgment interest of \$10.96 until judgment is entered PLUS interest at the legal federal rate after entry of judgment on the total amount, including prejudgment interest;
- 6. For unjust enrichment, Defendants Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, Maldives LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC shall be and are jointly and severally liable to Maricol de Leon and Jairo da Costa in the amount of \$110,000 PLUS prejudgment interest at the legal rate of 8 percent interest in the amount of \$21,939.73 from the date of filing through April 15, 2022 PLUS per diem prejudgment interest of \$24.11 until judgment is entered PLUS interest at the legal federal rate after entry of this judgment on the total amount, including prejudgment interest.

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Thus, excluding postjudgment interest, the named defendants are jointly and severally liable to the plaintiffs Jairo da Costa and Maricol de Leon the following amounts in damages and interest:

Cause of Action	Defendants Jointly and Severally Liable	Total Damages	Prejudgment Interest from Date of Filing to April 15, 2022	Per Diem Interest from April 15, 2022, to Entry of Judgment
Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and state antitrust law, N.C. Gen. Stat § 75-1	Craig Brooksby, Tonya Newell, Carolyn Souther, Avirta LLC, GG Irrevocable Trust, King Family Enterprises LLC, Maldives LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, The Estates Real Estate Group LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC	\$255,000	\$16,953.42	\$18.63
North Carolina's Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, N.C. Gen. § 75- 1.1	Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, Maldives LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC	\$150,000	\$9,972.60	\$10.96
Unjust Enrichment	Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, Maldives LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC	\$110,000	\$21,939.73	\$24.11

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, based on the verdict of the jury, which awarded plaintiff Mike Gustafson compensatory damages as to his three causes of action, judgment is entered for Mr. Gustafson as follows:

- 7. For bid rigging in violation of federal and state antitrust law, Defendants Craig Brooksby, Lynn Pinder, Carolyn Souther, Avirta LLC, GG Irrevocable Trust, King Family Enterprises LLC, NC Bidding-2 LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, The Estates Real Estate Group LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC shall be and are jointly and severally liable to Mike Gustafson in the amount of \$104,700, which consists of \$34,900 in compensatory damages trebled pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 15 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1, et seq. The same Defendants are also jointly and severally liable to Mike Gustafson for prejudgment interest on the compensatory damages of \$34,900 at the legal rate of 8 percent interest in the amount of \$3,755.81 from the date of filing of the First Amended Complaint (December 20, 2020) through April 15, 2022 PLUS per diem prejudgment interest of \$7.65 until judgment is entered PLUS interest at the legal federal rate after entry of judgment on the total amount, including prejudgment interest;
- 8. For conduct amounting to extortion, Defendants Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, NC Bidding-2 LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC shall be and are jointly and severally liable to Mike Gustafson in the amount of \$30,000, which consists of \$10,000 in compensatory damages trebled pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-16. The same

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Defendants are also jointly and severally liable to Mike Gustafson for prejudgment interest on the compensatory damages of \$10,000 at the legal rate of 8 percent interest in the amount of \$1,076.16 from the date of filing the First Amended Complaint (December 20, 2020) through April 15, 2022 PLUS per diem prejudgment interest of \$2.19 on the compensatory damages until judgment is entered PLUS interest at the legal federal rate after entry of judgment on the total amount, including prejudgment interest;

9. For unjust enrichment, Defendants Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, NC Bidding-2 LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC shall be and are jointly and severally liable to Mike Gustafson in the amount of \$55,000 PLUS prejudgment interest at the legal rate of 8 percent interest in the amount of \$5,918.90 from the date of filing the First Amended Complaint (December 20, 2020) through April 15, 2022 PLUS per diem prejudgment interest of \$12.05 until judgment is entered PLUS interest at the legal federal rate after entry of judgment on the total amount, including prejudgment interest.

Thus, excluding postjudgment interest, the named defendants are jointly and severally liable to the plaintiff Mike Gustafson the following amounts in damages and interest:

Cause of	Defendants Jointly and	Total	Prejudgment	Per Diem
Action	Severally Liable	Damages	Interest from	Interest
			Date of Filing	from April
			to April 15,	15, 2022, to
			2022	

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				Entry of Judgment
Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and state antitrust law, N.C. Gen. Stat § 75-1	Craig Brooksby, Lynn Pinder, Carolyn Souther, Avirta LLC, GG Irrevocable Trust, King Family Enterprises LLC, NC Bidding-2 LLC, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, The Estates Real Estate Group LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC	\$104,700	\$3,755.81	\$7.65
North Carolina's Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, N.C. Gen. § 75- 1.1	Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, NC Bidding-2 LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC	\$30,000	\$1,076.16	\$2.19
Unjust Enrichment	Craig Brooksby, Carolyn Souther, The Estates (UT) LLC, The Estates LLC, NC Bidding-2 LLC, Timbra of North Carolina LLC	\$55,000	\$5,918.90	\$12.05

A Permanent Injunction is entered separately. Any award of attorneys' fees shall

be addressed by a separate Judgment, if awarded and upon compliance with LR 54.2.

This the 2nd day of June, 2022.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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