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# Woman alleges former Pangnirtung SAO terminated her job for refusing sex

## Harassment claims are detailed in lawsuit against hamlet and Nunavut government



A former employee of the Hamlet of Pangnirtung is suing the hamlet and territorial government, claiming neither intervened when she reported her boss for sexually harassing her. (File photo)

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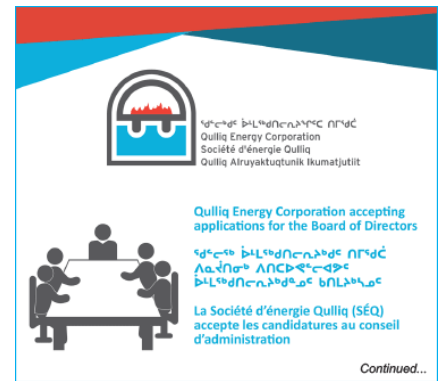
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A former finance director for the Hamlet of Pangnirtung is suing the hamlet and Nunavut government, saying neither protected her from sexual abuse she says happened at the hands of her boss.

The plaintiff, who was granted an application to have her identity protected by Nunavut court and is identified in the claim as Jane Doe, moved to Pangnirtung with her young daughter for a one-year contract with the hamlet in May 2018.

The woman describes the treatment as sexual abuse multiple times throughout her statement of claim.

She says she was forced to move out of staff housing after her employment was terminated, and incurred financial costs related to having to relocate a “significant” distance away, according to the statement of claim.





Earlier this month, Nunavut Court judge Christian Lyons rejected these arguments, and the territorial



government is appealing that decision, confirmed territorial government lawyer William Lu.

Neither the hamlet nor the territorial government have submitted statements of defence.

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Crawford is not named as a defendant in the lawsuit and the allegations against him have not been proven.

He moved to Pangnirtung from British Columbia to serve as SAO in June 2018, according to a Nunavut News report from that year.

Crawford is no longer working for the hamlet, according to Pangnirtung's director of finance Nazmul Huda, who estimates he left two and a half years ago.

Nunatsiaq News has been unable to reach Crawford for comment.

The plaintiff's lawyer, Geoffrey Budden, said a date still needs to be set to argue the Nunavut government's appeal.

A trial, if it happens, is still “months down the road,” he said.

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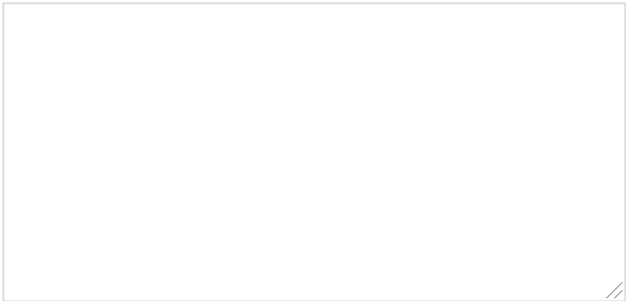


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