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## Jurors hit Davis group home with \$4.5 million verdict for severe neglect of 11-year-old boy

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Sacramento jurors awarded more than \$4.5 million Tuesday to a former resident of a troubled-placed children's group home in Davis, finding the boy was severely neglected by the home's caregivers while staying at the facility in 2012 and 2013, starting when he was 11 years old.

Jurors in the Sacramento Superior Court trial before Judge Shelleyanne Chung unanimously found (SBC) FamilyFirst was negligent in its care of the minor under its watch, that he was harmed and that FamilyFirst's conduct caused the child "severe emotional distress," according to verdict forms.

Plaintiff's attorney from Laid said in a statement that the boy and others, including employees, were "intimidated" by the way FamilyFirst "exclusionary and oppressively ran its operations."

Laid in trial briefs alleged the boy had been sexually and physically assaulted while off-campus during what Laid described as a "Chickadee Orange like night" through the streets of Davis in May 2013. Laid also cited the quote who determined that the boy functioned at the level of a very young child.