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Lowe's Unit Settles Sexual Harassment Case

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A unit of Lowe's has agreed to pay \$1.7 million to settle a sexual harassment case brought by three employees in Longview, Wash. Under a three-year consent decree signed Thursday by Judge John C. Coughenour of Federal District Court in Seattle, Lowe's also must revise its policies on discrimination, provide employee training in Oregon and Washington and report regularly to the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, which filed the lawsuit. Lowe's denied the claims of the three workers and did not admit any liability but settled "in the interest of avoiding additional disruption and litigation costs," Lowe's said. The manager of the store, a Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, is no longer with Lowe's, said Christine B. Ahearn, vice president for public relations.

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