

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

PRIVACY

BROWARD CIRCUIT COURT

\$476,200 award to tenant of landlord voyeur

A jury awarded a tenant \$476,200 for a hidden camera that her landlord allegedly installed in her apartment so he could watch her.

In 2007, Miranda Goldston claimed Kenneth Ryals hid a micro camera in the apartment he rented to her. She claimed that when Ryals was questioned by police, he admitted hiding the camera and using a receiver in his bedroom to watch her for his "viewing pleasure." Goldston claimed emotional distress. Her counsel stated that after having been subjected to this kind of personal invasion, they doubted Goldston could dress anywhere outside of a closet or in a place that was not in total darkness.

Ryals denied the claims and claimed his confession was coerced. He claimed the camera was left in a DVD player that he used to monitor his 7-year-old child. Ryals claimed Goldston didn't suffer any emotional distress.

Case: Goldston v. Ryals

Case No.: 07-34017 (18)

Plaintiff lawyers: Walter J. Mathews and Patricia Wallace, Mathews Wallace, Fort Lauderdale

Defense lawyer: Kenneth Wayne Ryals, pro se