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Ianiero Family Sues Tour Operator Over Couple's Death

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They may never find out how their parents died, and now the children of Domenic and Nancy Ianiero are looking for something else: compensation.

They, along with other members of the Ianiero family, have filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against tour operator Sunquest Vacations over the murder of the Woodbridge, Ont. couple last year at a five-star Mexican resort.

The claim contends Sunquest didn't warn travellers to Mexico that that country represented a greater crime risk to tourists than other vacation destinations and also that it failed to ensure the Barcelo Maya Resort in Cancun had adequate security.

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Domenic and Nancy Ianiero were down there, along with friends and family, to celebrate the wedding of their daughter last February. But before the nuptials could take place the couple was found dead in their hotel room, their throats slit.

The lawsuit also alleges Sunquest didn't check to see that the resort's security guards had been properly screened. Additionally it was suggested that the resort had broken patio door locks on ground-level rooms and some were missing deadbolt locks. The claim seeks damages for breach of contract, negligence and emotional distress.

The tour operator so far hasn't commented on the suit. None of the allegations made in the claim have been proven in court.

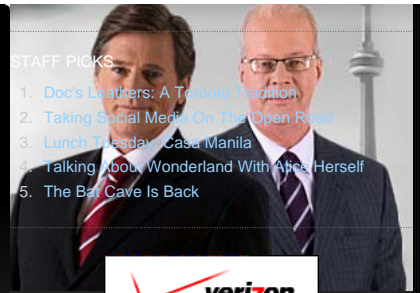
The Ianiero family hired [high-profile defence lawyer Eddie Greenspan](#) to represent them following the murders, and Greenspan publicly accused a prosecutor of lying about the case. The lawyer also [accused Mexican authorities of bungling the case](#) and suggested the most likely murderer was Blas Delgado Fajardo, a hotel security guard seen with the couple before they were found dead.

At one point two Thunder Bay, Ont. women were under scrutiny by [Mexican officials](#) but their only apparent connection to the case was the fact that their room was situated across the hall from the Ianieros'. Blood may have been tracked over to their room but it was later determined that that likely came from hotel cleaning staff that went into the murder scene to clean up and then inadvertently spread it across the hall.

Investigators in Mexico have asked for the FBI's help in tracking down Fajardo, who's been missing since the deaths and may have crossed the border into the U.S.

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