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# Fair Oaks family sues two Dunmore brothers over development loans

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Two Fair Oaks investors and their children sued Roseville developers Jeremy and Sidney D. Dunmore on Monday, saying they were duped out of millions of dollars in part through forged documents.

The \$9.5 million lawsuit by Harold J. Smith, 80, and his wife, Irwina Smith, 83, a retired substitute schoolteacher, represents the latest salvo against the Dunmore brothers, the third generation of a prominent area home-building family. The Smiths claim they lent millions to the Dunmores only after the developers' grandfather George personally guaranteed they'd be repaid.

But the lawsuit contends George Dunmore's signature was forged. The allegation mirrors charges made by George's widow Ruth Dunmore, in a series of lawsuits two of which have been dropped.

The Smiths' lawsuit, filed in Placer Superior Court, said the family lost millions of dollars knowing that "Harold and Irwina Smith would not get their money back."

Reached by phone Monday, Jeremy Dunmore declined comment. Dunmore brothers' three companies were still in business, he said, "For the record, we're still in business."

During the housing boom, the Smiths, who had previously earned millions of dollars on regional land investments, personally invested \$4.5 million with the Dunmores for new development

**Charles C. Nordby Sr.**  
Supermarket security expert invented one-way windows used to detect thieves

Charles C. Nordby Sr., a supermarket security expert who once worked for the Raley's chain, died Wednesday of pneumonia at Sutter General Hospital. He was 71. He was the inventor of "Windo-Guard" one-way observation windows used by stores to help deter shoplifting and internal theft.


"He was good at detecting internal and external thefts," said Chuck Collings, chief executive of the Raley's-Bel Air chain of supermarkets.

Mr. Nordby was reared on the North Coast, and was graduated in 1942 from Point Arena High School in Mendocino County. During World War II, he served as a seaman aboard U.S. merchant ships.

His wife, the former Marilou Merkle, died in 1987. They were married 42 years.

He is survived by sons Charles Jr., Frank and Jack, all of Sacramento, Tom of Sumner, Wash., John of Marysville, Wash., and Jerry of Orofino, Ida.; daughters Karol Santiago of Antioch, Claudia Jadavi of Fairfield and Terry Hurley of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Helen Cameron of Sacramento; and 27 grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. June 16 at Fair Oaks




Charles C. Nordby Sr.

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