

# Tina Stewart family adds apartment complex to lawsuit

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MURFREESBORO — The family of slain MTSU basketball star Tina Stewart has added Raiders Crossing Apartments and its management company to the \$20 million wrongful death lawsuit it filed against Shanterrica Madden earlier this year.

Stewart was living at Raiders Crossing at 1350 Hazelwood Street when authorities said she was murdered by then 18-year-old Madden.

Madden is scheduled to go to trial on a first-degree murder charge May 7 in Rutherford County Criminal Circuit Court.

In the amended civil court lawsuit, Stewart attorney David Raybin outlined why Stewart's family believes actions—or a lack of action—by agents of the apartment complex and management company ACC OP Management LLC, of Delaware, contributed to the Lady Raider's death.

Mentioned in the suit specifically is an allegation that off-duty Murfreesboro Police Officer Tim Jensen—who was working as a courtesy officer on behalf of Raiders Crossing at the time Stewart was murdered—failed to get police involved when he found out Madden was smoking marijuana in the off-campus apartment she shared with Stewart.

Prosecutors have previously mentioned in court that the argument between Stewart and Madden that led to the basketball player's fatal stabbing on March 2, 2011 turned violent shortly after Jensen visited the apartment and discovered marijuana in Madden's possession. He left the apartment after telling Madden to flush the marijuana down a toilet, the suit alleges.

Court records show the two had previously argued about Madden's use of marijuana since Stewart was a student athlete and didn't wish to be around drug users. Madden had complained about Stewart's boyfriend spending the night.

Stewart's family alleges that Jensen, acting on behalf of Raiders Crossing, was negligent when he failed to contact police about Madden's drug use and instead had Madden dispose of the marijuana, according to the lawsuit.

“Had Tim Jensen, an agent of Raiders Crossing Defendants, notified law enforcement authorities about the illegal drug use and remained in the apartment, Ms. Madden would not have killed Tina Stewart,” the lawsuit reads.

The suit also alleges that an officer worker at Raiders Crossing, Jennifer Davidson, also failed to notify police once Jensen told her about what had happened at the apartment.

Stewart's family has said ACC OP Management LLC is responsible because it hired Davidson and Jensen.

Raybin requested a jury be selected to hear the case.

The Nashville attorney has previously said the suit filed against Madden is not about money, and instead Stewart's family is trying to prevent Madden from making money off the case in the future, be it through book deals or by any other means.

A spokesperson for Raiders Crossing and ACC OP Management LLC could not immediately be reached for comment.

Murfreesboro Police spokesman Kyle Evans did not immediately respond to inquiries about Jensen's current status with the Murfreesboro Police Department and information on how extra-duty jobs are handled at the department.

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