Four new lawsuits filed against Miami real estate brothers as more women come forward

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Oren and Alon Alexander, twin real estate moguls already charged locally and federally for numerous rapes and sex crimes, are now facing an additional claim of rape in federal civil court by a woman in Colorado. MATIAS J. OCNER mocner@miamiherald.com

In March 2010, Laura Buck tried to warn women about the brothers who she said had assaulted her. She reported it to police. She went to a local hospital. She sent messages to multiple women. She contacted the Alexander brothers' mother.

Then she took a red lipstick to the hallway walls of their apartment building, scrawling in big bold letters "Tal Alexander is a Rapist" and "Oren Alexander is a Rapist."

This week, Buck filed a civil lawsuit against the two brothers – best known for selling high-end real estate in Miami and New York – for compensatory and punitive damages in the New York Supreme Court.

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Along with Oren's twin brother Alon Alexander, the men have been charged with a slew of state and federal assault, rape and sex-trafficking charges. Federal prosecutors say about 60 women have come forward. The four lawsuits filed this week – including Buck's – brings the number of civil lawsuits against one or more of the Alexander brothers to 21.

Their attorneys have maintained the brothers' innocence.

"We haven't been able to read the newest lawsuits, but no need, we're assuming they claim they had non concensual[sic] sex a decade or two ago with the Brothers and decided to report it to a PI lawyer to sue before the new Statute of limitations expires," said Joel Denaro and Edward O'Donnell IV, who represent the twins, in a statement to the Miami Herald.

The first civil suits were filed in March 2024 by two women against twins, Oren and Alon. In December 2024, the FBI and Miami-Dade authorities arrested the three brothers. Allegations in the civil and criminal cases span Florida, New York, Colorado, Mexico, and Russia.

The three brothers were arrested in their Miami Beach homes after being indicted by the FBI for sex trafficking charges. In Miami-Dade, Oren pled not guilty to three charges of sexual battery; Alon pled not guilty to one.

The Alexander brothers are being held in a Brooklyn federal detention center without bond. The window for victims to bring charges under a New York statute is set to close on Friday, Feb. 28th.

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In another lawsuit filed Thursday, plaintiff Ti Goodwin, claims a party with Oren "spiraled into darkness" after he gave her a drink on Feb. 13, 2011. He later raped her, the lawsuit says.

The other two women are identified only as "Jane Doe." One implicated all three brothers in a 2016 assault when she was 20-years-old, and said she experienced "severe" disorientation after she was given a drink at their Manhattan apartment.

The other said she was drugged and assaulted repeatedly by Tal about 10 years ago.

"I know the Alexander brothers will call this a cash grab," said Evan Torgan, a partner at the firm representing Buck and Goodwin. "But what else can they say in the face of over 60 women reporting they've been raped or sexually assaulted to the FBI alone?"

The hospital, police, and FB messages in 2010

Buck was first introduced to Tal and Oren while she was a college student "with limited experience living in New York City," the lawsuit states. After a date with Tal on March 5, 2010, she agreed to go back to his and Oren's apartment.

There, she found Oren and another man referred to as "Perpetrator 1." Tal suggested they go to his room for privacy, and prepared a bong, adding what he described as "resin" on top of the marijuana. Resin is a potent form of cannabis.

"It was not long until she began losing control over her muscles," the complaint reads. She had smoked marijuana on other occasions, but "this experience felt completely different from anything she had encountered before."

Tal became "more sexually aggressive" and Oren and "Perpetrator 1" walked into the room naked "seemingly ready to rape her," the lawsuit states. The unnamed man pointed a camera at Buck. Tal held her down, and sexually assaulted her on the bed.

"She was in extreme fear for her life and safety," the lawsuit reads.

She broke from his grip, the lawsuit states, and repeatedly said she needed to leave. Tal followed her to the hallway where she called the assault "sick and incestuous."

Disoriented, she struggled to walk, the lawsuit states. She made her way home, asking people on the street for directions.

The next day, she went to a local hospital, where she reported the assault, asked police to file a report, and requested a drug test. The police refused – and "blaming" her "for voluntarily smoking marijuana" – the lawsuit claims, and the hospital did not run a drug screen.

She confronted Tal, but when that "proved unproductive," she took her lipstick to the apartment hallway. Tal filed a police report for harassment, according to the lawsuit.

She also sent messages to the brothers' "friends and acquaintances." In one Facebook message about Tal that Buck sent on March 22, 2010, she wrote, "I'm just writing to let you know if you're a girl and you know this guy you need to be really, really careful." Oren, she wrote, had "a history of alleged rape," reads the message, which was obtained by the Herald.

She contacted their mother, Orly Alexander, to "inform her that she had raised a bunch of rapists," the lawsuit states.

In response, Tal told Buck his mother had terminal cancer. He then threatened to sue her, according to the lawsuit.



Los corredores de bienes raíces Tal (derecha) y Oren Alexander afuera de su casa en Miami Beach el viernes 1 de febrero de 2019. PATRICK FARRELL pfarrell@miamiherald.com

Later that year, on Nov. 8, 2010, Ti Goodwin met Oren when he approached her at a Gotham Magazine party at STK Steakhouse in the West Village, according to another lawsuit filed Thursday.

They communicated in the following weeks, and she saw him again at a Super Bowl party at his apartment on Feb. 6, 2011. A week later, he invited her to a Gotham Magazine party in celebration of New York Fashion Week that same day.

When she arrived at the party on Feb. 13, she was greeted by Oren, Alon and an unidentified woman. The group went to a bar, where Oren handed her a drink, according to the lawsuit, and she became "significantly impaired."

"Ti's final memory at the bar was falling to the ground and having to be helped to her feet," the lawsuit reads.

The next thing she remembers is being in a bed and Oren raping her, the lawsuit states. The next morning, "partially clothed, confused, and disoriented," she woke up, and "fled the apartment" while Oren was sleeping. She confided in a friend that Oren had raped her, the lawsuit states, purchased a Plan-B, and considered reporting – but was "concerned about Oren's wealth, power and influence."

Torgan, a partner at the firm representing Goodwin and Buck, said that many women are criticized for not reporting sexual assault, but "the playbook was always to attack the victim. And it still is."

Instagram and a party at Catch New York

Another woman, identified as "Jane Doe," was also 20 when she met one of the brothers in New York – this time, in 2016.

She connected with Alon, who was 28, on Instagram through a friend looking to set them up, according to May 2016 messages included in the lawsuit filed Tuesday. He invited her to a dinner date in Manhattan, but when she showed up at the address, there was no restaurant. He suggested a bar, but she said she was underage. He then told her to meet him at her apartment.

Alon "immediately presented" her with a "pre-prepared drink," the lawsuit alleges, which left her with "severe and unusual disorientation far beyond the effects of normal alcohol consumption."

Tal, the older of the three brothers, was laying on a bed watching TV with another woman. According to the lawsuit, she went to greet him with a kiss on the cheek, and Tal forcibly kissed her on the lips. While sitting on a couch, Alon Alexander began to kiss and touch her. She responded by physically removing his hands from her body.

"She also told Alon to stop," the suit reads, "making clear that she did not want to engage in sexual activity with Alon."

From that point on, her memory is hazy, according to the suit. But she remembers Alon and Oren Alexander simultaneously sexually assaulting and raping her on the bed. The twins left the room afterwards. "In a state of shock and confusion," the woman "fled" the apartment, according to the suit.

"Our client has shown tremendous courage in coming forward to tell her story and seek justice for the egregious sexual violence she suffered," Alexandra Walsh, a Philadelphia based law firm attorney, one of two representing both "Jane Does" said in a statement.

O'Donnell IV and Denaro said in a statement that the complaint had "no evidence or witnesses."

"Another Grift looking for a free fortune because she heard of, knew or slept with the Alexander brothers," the attorneys' statement read.

The fourth lawsuit, also filed Tuesday, accuses Tal of raping a woman multiple times about 10 years ago.

"Jane Doe" said she first met Tal at a birthday party at Catch New York, a restaurant in the Meatpacking District.

A few weeks later, she met him for dinner at Lur Fish Bar, after which they went to a nowclosed nightclub called Provocateur. At the club, she had one or two drinks and "began experiencing extreme and unusual intoxication far beyond what her limited alcohol consumption could explain."

After that, she only remembers waking up in his bed, undressed and in pain, the lawsuit states. She had "no doubt" that Tal Alexander had raped her while she was intoxicated the night before.

When she said she was going home, Tal "refused to let her leave" and raped her again, according to the lawsuit. He then had his driver take her home.

"She lived with the weight of fear and trauma while he hid behind power and privilege," said Kristen Gibbons Feden, whose Philadelphia law firm represents both unnamed women.

Deanna Paul, Tal's defense attorney, could not immediately respond to the Herald's request for comment, but has maintained in the past that her client is innocent.

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