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### Discrimination suit settled

The Fred Beans family of car dealerships has settled a lawsuit filed by a former employee who claims she was fired because she was pregnant.

The Plumstead-based company agreed to a \$150,000 judgment in favor of Cherie Santai, a Perkasio woman who worked at a number of Beans dealerships from March 1994 until October 2008. At the time of her termination, Santai was service manager of Fred Beans Hyundai.

Santai filed a complaint with the Pennsylvania Human Rights Commission in January 2009, and filed her lawsuit in May 2010, after the commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission agreed she had enough cause to sue.

In her complaint, Santai said she was laid off despite having an exemplary service record and outperforming other service managers with the company.

The company argued in court documents that Santai was among several employees laid off for economic reasons. The company did not accept liability or admit wrongdoing in making the settlement.