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An African-American male did not receive any response to his application for an apartment, despite his messages left with the property owner and despite his observation that apartments continued to be available at the building in question. The Civil Rights Commission investigation yielded evidence that while the Respondent had owned two adjacent four-plexes for fourteen years as of the date of the rental decision involving the Complainant, he had never rented to a male applicant. Similar residential rental buildings in the area had at all times had male tenants. These factors supported the Commission's determination of Probable Cause as to sex discrimination. Prior to trial, the matter was resolved with the Respondent agreeing to undertake fair housing training, to include Equal Opportunity Housing language on each application form, to preserve records of all applications and all rentals for a period of twelve months and to allow the Commission to inspect those records. Additionally, the Complainant received compensation in the amount of \$12,000.00.