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# Rejected: Man's claim that Del Taco restroom is inadequate

Plaintiff, who is disabled, said he couldn't reach soap, toilet-seat covers.

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SANTA ANA A disabled man who claimed he couldn't reach the soap or toilet-seat covers in a Garden Grove Del Taco had his case rejected by an Orange County Superior Court jury, a lawyer with the restaurant chain said.

Thomas Mundy had contended that his civil rights were violated when he tried to use the restaurant's bathroom in May.

He also claimed that, in the eating area, he

couldn't reach soda-pop lids or the dispenser.

The complaint Mundy filed in July sought several thousand dollars.

The jury took 18 minutes to deliberate, according to a press release from the law firm representing Del Taco, Call, Jensen & Ferrell. According to the release, the jury was "outraged" at how frivolous the claim was.

Mundy conceded during the trial that he had, in the words of the press release, "filed nearly 200 lawsuits in recent months, earning over \$60,000 in settlements in 2008 alone."

Del Taco lawyers, in the defendant's trial brief, said the allegations were "meritless and made by a professional plaintiff who intentionally and aggressively seeks out alleged 'barriers,' which he never truly encountered."

Del Taco lawyer Scott Ferrell said he planned to ask the court to force Mundy to pay \$100,000 in court costs incurred by the restaurant chain.

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