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Harass scandal 'threats'

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What the hedge was going on at this place?

Still more scandal oozed out yesterday from a big-bucks Manhattan hedge fund where two gorgeous ex-secretaries and the two brothers at the helm are embroiled in lurid, sex-drenched cross-accusations of harassment and extortion.

Not only are the ex-secretaries claiming they were subjected to come-ons and racy photos this year at the Chrysler Building offices of Titan Capital, but they say they were threatened, as well — so much so that one of the brothers was arrested and ordered to have no contact with them, according to criminal complaints filed in Manhattan Supreme Court.

"You are a bitch! You are a whore!" Marcus Abrams railed in a voicemail left on Danielle Pecile's phone, court papers say.

The pair had engaged in a half-year fling that had ended that day, April 8.

The same day, according to a separate criminal harassment complaint, Abrams bellowed at Pecile's pal and fellow secretary, Cristina Culicea.

"Don't f--- around!" he yelled, apparently angered by the looming sexual-harassment claim.



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'FEAR FOR SAFETY': Cristina Culicea (left) and Danielle Pecile say their hedge-fund bosses threatened them.

He also allegedly threatened to derail the woman's law-school studies.

"He is a highly volatile person," said the women's lawyer, Douglas Wigdor. "Both of my clients take these threats very seriously. They fear for their safety."

Meanwhile, the Abrams brothers — Marcus' brother, Russell, is Titan's CEO — spent yesterday lashing back at the women through lawyers and publicists.

Pecile was a firebrand who would e-mail her boss, Marcus, notes that read, "We can shower together," and "I want to make love to you!" — and even after the ugly April split asked to patch things up, said Titan Capital lawyer Barry Asen.

"The sexual relationship was obviously completely consensual, as reflected by the numerous e-mails, IMs and Facebook chats reflecting that she missed him and she loved him," Asen said.

"The case boils down to this: They saw two brothers were making a lot of money, and they wanted to cash in," he said, calling their harassment claims, for which they're seeking a \$2.5 million settlement, "untrue and absurd."

Pecile had been two-timing Marcus, and when he broke things off in fury, she gave as good as she got, the lawyer noted. "Your [sic] still a d---," she typed to him on that April breakup day

In an e-mail to a friend,

“If you get in my goddamn way, Cristina, I think you know who I am. You know who I know . . . If I don't get a f- - -ing call, you've made enemies with the wrong goddamn person.”

— Marc Abrams' alleged voice-mail message to Cristina Culicea

Pecile gloated that Marcus had \$35 million and referred to him as her "ATM," according to the brothers' response to the women's complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Russell Abrams' wife, Sandra, sued the women earlier this week, accusing them of trying to shake down her hubby's company by using topless photos of her in their EEOC case.

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