

EXCLUSIVE: Forever 21 store in Brooklyn gets sued again for discrimination, worker was told 'I love muscular black guys like you'

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A Forever 21 store is a perpetual hotbed of sexual harassment, a new lawsuit charges.

Mickael Louis says he suffered extensive harassment from his bosses while working at Forever 21 in Brooklyn, including come-ons such as "I love muscular black guys like you" and "I bet you have a big [EXPLETIVE]."

The same Kings Plaza Forever 21 store was rocked by discrimination allegations last year, when a trans woman named Alexia Daskalakis sued the company charging managers called her "disgusting" and a "hot mess" during her transition — and then terminated her without explanation.

The man who made passes at Louis, manager Patrick Walmsley, also showed Louis cell phone videos of him having sex with men, the lawsuit, filed Thursday in Brooklyn federal court, claims.

While Walmsley constantly addressed Louis as "Honey," another manager came up with a different offensive nickname — "Nutella."

"I was like, 'Who are you calling Nutella?'" Louis told the Daily News. "My name is Mickael."

The manager who allegedly used the "Nutella" nickname, Andy Liu, also called him and other black people "ghetto," the suit says.

Liu also told Louis "Look out for the black people, they are going to steal," the Brooklyn resident alleges.

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Liu also allegedly told Louis, an assistant store manager, not to put black staffers on the cash register, "because they steal."



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Louis, who was hired in January 2014, says he was forced to quit in April 2015 because he couldn't handle the bigotry any longer.

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Lawyer David E. Gottlieb, who represents both Louis and Daskalakis, said "There is obviously something seriously wrong at Forever 21, as this store location and these managers have now been accused by two employees of everything from racial bigotry and racial profiling to sexual harassment, transphobia and retaliation."

"This is unacceptable," the Wigdor LLP lawyer said.

Louis, who now works at a nurse technician, is seeking unspecified damages.

Reached by phone, a staffer at the Kings Plaza store said nobody named Walmsley or Liu presently worked there.