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## Beaverton landlord gets jail time for sex abuse of tenant

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HILLSBORO -- A judge on Monday sentenced a Beaverton landlord to 45 days in jail for sexually abusing a mentally ill former tenant.

Moji Momeni, 50, has no prior convictions, which signaled an assumed sentence of probation. But Washington County Circuit Judge Marco Hernandez agreed with a prosecutor that Momeni should serve jail time.

Momeni is listed as the owner of more than 15 properties, many of them multifamily residences, in Beaverton.

Hernandez convicted Momeni on Oct. 5 of two counts of second-degree sexual abuse and one count of third-degree sexual abuse. The victim testified that she went to Momeni's office in December after he threatened to evict her. He forced her to perform a sex act with the understanding that she wouldn't have to pay her \$575 rent.

Jeff Lesowski, a senior deputy district attorney, said Monday that Momeni took advantage of women in crisis.

Hernandez also sentenced Momeni to five years of probation and registering as a sex offender before he was taken away in handcuffs.

Momeni, who did not testify during his trial, told Hernandez on Monday that he was "deeply ashamed" to be in court. He described the incident with the woman as a misunderstanding.

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