

# Palm Beach Gardens homeowners to receive millions in settlement with builder

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**A** \$22.5 million settlement is now headed to a group of Palm Beach Gardens homeowners who sued their builder, alleging shoddy construction.

On Thursday, on what was to be the third day of jury selection, the judge called together the attorneys to confirm they had reached a settlement. Representatives of the San Matera homeowners association say engineers they hired found decaying plywood and rusted beams inside the walls of their buildings.

So the San Matera homeowners sued their builder, Kolter Signature Homes, and 17 subcontractors, seeking \$36 million. Now, after six years in litigation, Kolter and the contractors agreed to pay the homeowners \$22.5 million.

The lead attorney for Kolter declined to comment.

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