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Another lawsuit emerges in the Aaron Hernandez legal saga



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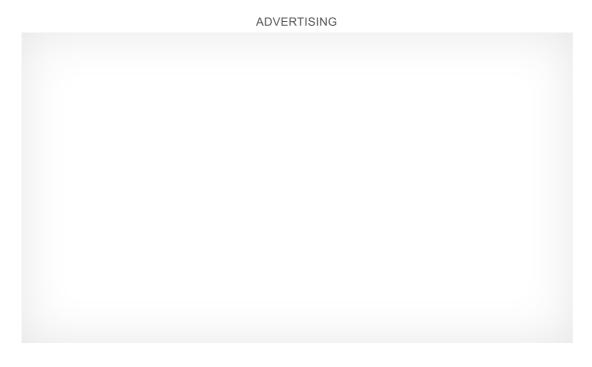
Aaron Hernandez during his 2017 trial for the murders of Daniel de Abreu, and Safiro Furtado, for which he was acquitted.

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Shayanna Jenkins Hernandez, the mother of Aaron Hernandez's daughter, has filed suit against the estates of three men the former New England Patriots star was accused of killing, seeking to guarantee the child will receive proceeds from the sale of Hernandez's former home.

She filed the suit in Bristol Superior Court last month on behalf of her daughter, Avielle Hernandez. The lawsuit seeks a judgment that the homestead declaration filed by Hernandez on his North Attleborough home in 2013 remains in effect for his daughter's benefit.



State law allows homeowners who have filed a "declaration of homestead" to protect the value of their property, according to the Massachusetts Secretary of State's office. Specifically, the declaration can protect against seizure, execution on judgment, levy or sale for the payment of debts up to \$500,000 per home.

Avielle Hernandez, who is 5, has moved out of the home to facilitate a court-ordered sale, according to court documents. She currently lives with her mother in Rhode Island.

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