

SETTLEMENTS AND JUDGMENTS OVER \$50,000
AND ANY SETTLEMENTS AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL IN CLOSED SESSION
FINALIZED IN JULY 2026

Case Name	Case Number	Date Settled	Amount	Description	Notes

No Settlements or Judgments to Report

NEW CLAIMS REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN JULY 2026

Claimant Name	Date of Claim	Date of Incident	Claim Amount	Location	Description of Claim
<i>Tedesco, Karen M.</i>	7/21/2026	1/29/2026	Over \$35,000	Fulton Road & San Miguel Ave, Santa Rosa	Claimant alleges they sustained injuries when a Cal Fire vehicle rear-ended her vehicle while they were stopped at a red light.
<i>Ridout, Kathryn</i>	7/14/2026	5/4/2026	Over \$35,000	2120 Hidden Valley Dr., Santa Rosa	Claimant alleges she suffered personal injuries due to tripping on a large heave in the sidewalk.
<i>Johnson, Derek Lee</i>	7/27/2026	1/30/26	Over \$35,000	Mendocino Ave at 5th Street, Santa Rosa	Claimant alleges that Officer Andrade caused motor vehicle accident by entering an intersection on a solid red light resulting in bodily injuries.
<i>Ramirez-Perez, Francisco</i>	7/21/2026	2/22/2026	Over \$35,000	Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa	Claimant alleges violations of the 4th & 5th amendments, emotional distress, assault & battery, and false arrest
<i>Lall, Anjan and Freedman, Alyssa</i>	7/16/2026	1/20/2026	Over \$35,000	1920 Marsh Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Claimant alleges he was directed by SRPD to remove a tree limb from his property. While doing so, he fell and sustained serious injuries. Loss of Consortium claim by spouse Freedman.
<i>Ainsworth, Laura</i>	7/13/2026	1/12/2026	Over \$35,000	Emeritus Hall at SRJC located on Elliott Ave, Santa Rosa	Claimant alleges that the SRPD engaged in an unlawful search and seizure, false arrest, and false imprisonment.
<i>Wierschem, Jean</i>		1/21/2026	Over \$35,000	1311-1331 Guerneville Rd. (near Steele Lane entrance), Santa Rosa	Claimant alleges they tripped and fell over uneven portion of pathway.
<i>Lowe, Kenneth</i>	7/2/2026	1/16/2026	To be determined	Near 3612 Industrial Dr, Santa Rosa	Claimant alleges they fell into an uncovered utility vault due to inadequate lighting from nonfunctioning city streetlights, resulting in bodily injuries.
<i>Enrique, Jasmine</i>	7/1/2026	1/15/2026	Over \$35,000	Hwy 101 North freeway entrance at 5100 Commerce Blvd, Rohnert Park	Claimant alleges they sustained injuries as a result of a rear-end collision involving a Rohnert Park Public Safety Officer Nino.
<i>Kelley, Kermit Alan</i>	7/1/2026	2/12/2026	Over \$35,000	Sidewalk near 228 Silver Creek Circle, Santa Rosa	Claimant alleges they sustained injuries after tripping and falling on a raised concrete slab on the sidewalk.
<i>Siler, Dwayne obo Gabriel Siler</i>	6/30/2026	3/1/2026	Over \$35,000	Elsie Allen High School, 599 Bellevue Ave, G17, Santa Rosa	Claimant alleges Gabriel Siler sustained injuries as a result of a physical altercation with another student while at school.

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24CV01397	So. Co. Superior	MARIA GONZALEZ v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, SARAH ELAINE SOLOMON and DOES 1 through 25	Settlement Pending	Plaintiff alleges a dangerous condition of public property resulted in injuries			
24CV02519	So. Co. Superior	LUCAS BOHANAN v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, and DOES 1-25	Active - Set for Trial	Plaintiff alleges disability discrimination, failure to provide reasonable accommodation and retaliation			
24CV05523	So. Co. Superior	ELIZABETH VAZQUEZ and RICHARD MILLER vs. CITY OF SANTA ROSA and DOES 1-10	Dismissal Pending	Complaint for damages for alleged taking of private property (Inverse condemnation).			
24CV05980	So. Co. Superior	ROBERT LUNDGREN vs. CITY OF SANTA ROSA; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	Judgment	Claimant alleges they sustained injuries when they fell over an asphalt patch surrounding a water utility cover while riding a scooter in the bike lane			
24CV07836	So. Co. Superior	Erika Martinez Gomez v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, a Government Entity; MICHAEL EVAN STASSE, an individual; TAYLOR CHRISTIAN HOMER, an individual; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	Active - Set for Trial	Claimant alleges dangerous conditions of public property contributed to vehicle accident causing injuries			
25CV02452	So. Co. Superior	FOUNTAINGROVE 2013, LLC, a California limited liability company, v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, and DOES 1-50, inclusive	Active - Set for Trial	Notice of appeal of decision of administrative hearing officer in re 2005 Stagecoach Road, Santa Rosa, CA (Govt. Code § 53069.4)			
25CV02453	So. Co. Superior	FOUNTAINGROVE 2013, LLC, a California limited liability company, v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, and DOES 1-50, inclusive,	Active - Set for Trial	Appeal of decision of administrative hearing officer in re 2097 Stagecoach Road, Santa Rosa, CA (Govt. Code § 53069.4)			
25CV02915	So. Co. Superior	ORWITZ ASSOCIATES, L.P. v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA AND ROES 1 THROUGH 20, INCLUSIVE	Active - Set for Trial	Litigation for equitable indemnity in cross-complaint. Claimant was served with lawsuit by Laken Ray after she tripped on a crack in sidewalk.			
25CV04135	So. Co. Superior	MICHAEL KOSZALKA V. MICHAEL'S REFLEXOLOGY CENTER; MICHAEL AND WAY INC.; CITY OF SANTA ROSA; WCM VENTURES LLC ET AL.; AND DOES 1 to 30	Dismissed	Claimant alleges he tripped and fell on a raised sidewalk.	7/13/2026	6/2/2026	Case was resolved at mediation on 6/2/2026 for \$770,000 globally, apportioned as follows: \$750,000 from WCM; \$10,000 from Michaels; and \$10,000 from City.
25CV04325	So. Co. Superior	LILI PIGSLEY, GARY PIGSLEY v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, CODE ENFORCEMENT, and DOES 1-10	Active	Plaintiffs allege a cause of action for general negligence against the City and challenge the Administrative Enforcement Order issued following a hearing on Code Enforcement violations at their property located at 961 Stony Point Road.			
25CV06089	So. Co. Superior	CORNERSTONE COMMUNITIES II, LLC, a California limited liability company, v. THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, and DOES 1 through 1-10, inclusive	Active	Plaintiff Cornerstone Communities II, LLC filed a Writ of Mandate and/or Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief requesting the Court set aside Council's actions taken on 07/08/2025 in exercising the City's Call Notice Rights pursuant to the Purchase and Sale for Future Infill Development Agreement for 410 B Street.			
25CV07259	So. Co. Superior	PAMELA KEZER v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, KONE, INC., DOES 1 TO 20	Active	Claimant alleges she tripped and fell due to a chain link fence that was sticking out resulting in several bodily injuries.			
26CV00347	So. Co. Superior	Amy E. Thorstad v. City of Santa Rosa	Active	Petition for Writ of Mandate seeking judicial review of a decision upholding a citation and associated penalties for an unpermitted Short-Term Rental.			
26CV00564	So. Co. Superior	RICK DIONNE, an individual; and JENNIFER DIONNE, an individual, v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, and DOES 1-50, inclusive	Active	Petition for judicial relief from denial of Petitioners' Request for permission to file a late claim pursuant to Government Code 946.6. Claimants allege hillside saturation and property damage that they attribute to the City's approval of subdivision improvement plans and non-installation of a v-ditch.			
26CV00636	So. Co. Superior	SANTA ROSA REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION, INC. dba CONGREGATION SHOMREI TORAH, v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA and DOES 1-50, inclusive	Active	Landslides(s) to the plaintiff congregation's hillside in 2023-2024 allegedly related to the failure of the City's hillside stabilization project in 2019 - City has a V-Ditch/easement within the hillside and retained a design engineer and contractor to perform the work.			
26CV01041	So. Co. Superior	GORDON N. BALL, INC., a California corporation, Petitioner, vs. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, a public entity, Respondent. GHILOTTI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., a California corporation; DOES 1-10, inclusive, Real Party of Interest	Dismissal Pending	Petition for Writ of Mandate filed by bidder Gordan N. Ball, Inc. challenging the City's contract award related to construction of the Route 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing project.			
26CV01096	So. Co. Superior	Nagib Khallouf v. City of Santa Rosa and Does 1-10	Active	Claimant alleges bodily injuries from trip and fall incident due to an uneven grate surrounding the base of a City-maintained tree.			
26CV01544	So. Co. Superior	Michael Graham v. City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, and Does 1 to 20	Active - Set for Trial	Claimant alleges bodily injury due to dangerous road condition while riding his bike.			

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26CV01863	So. Co. Superior	HARPER GRAYER, a minor; by and through his Guardian Ad Litem CASSANDRA QUINTANIA v. SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS, a public entity; CITY OF SANTA ROSA, a public entity; COUNTY OF SONOMA, a public entity; SONOMA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, a public entity; and DOES 1- 50, inclusive	Dismissed	Claimant (minor) alleges injury after an assault by an unidentified student at James Monroe Elementary School.	6/16/2026		
26CV01905	So. Co. Superior	CAMILLE COPELAND, an individual, v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, a Government Entity; WOODSTOCK PROPERTIES LLC, MOLLYBELLE PROPERTIES LP, and DOES 1 through 50, Inclusive.	Active - Set for Trial	Claim for trip and fall over an alleged crack in sidewalk.			
26CV02353	So. Co. Superior	OSCAR ESPINOZA AGAPITO, an individual, Plaintiffs, v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, a Government Entity; AUSTIN CHANDLER HOTCHKISS, an individual; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	Active	Claimant alleges City vehicle swerved into the middle lane and collided head-on to the claimant's vehicle			
26CV02805	So. Co. Superior	CITY OF SANTA ROSA, Plaintiff, v. JIM BEAL, an individual; LEHMAN BROTHERS BANK, FSB; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; HUNT & HENRIQUES, ATTORNEYS AT LAW; THE DUNNING LAW FIRM APC; and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive	Active	Complaint in Eminent Domain			
26CV03128	So. Co. Superior	PHILLIP M. MENDELSON v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA; DOES 1 TO 10	Active	Claimant alleges City vehicle struck his vehicle			
26CV03183	So. Co. Superior	JANET LEVY v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, JOSE SANCHEZ, BLANCA AYALA CHAVEZ and DOES 1 TO 100	Active	Claimant alleges bodily injury due to trip and fall on sidewalk			
26CV03303	So. Co. Superior	William Hoban v. Jerry White and Valerie White, individually and as Jerry B. White and Valerie J. White, Trustees under the Jerry B. White and Valerie J. White Trust Agreement dated March 1, 2006; The City of Santa Rosa, DOES 1 to 10	Active	Claimant alleges bodily injury due to trip and fall sidewalk incident as a result of a 2.5 inch height difference between concrete panels in the sidewalk			
26CV03329	So. Co. Superior	MASON NORMAN, a minor, LOGAN NORMAN, a minor, and TYLER NORMAN, a minor, all appearing by and through their mother and Guardian AdLitem, NATASHA HALTOM, Plaintiffs, v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, TIMOTHY NORMAN, and DOES 1-20 Defendants.	Active	Claimants allege Timothy Norman was driving with passengers Logan, Tyler and Mason Norman, when a City vehicle executed an unsafe lane change that struck and caused their vehicle to go into the center median where it collided head-on with a tree.			
26CV03528	So. Co. Superior	ERICA ELIZABETH FALK, an individual; Plaintiff, vs. COUNTY OF SONOMA, a public entity; CITY OF SANTA ROSA, a public entity, and DOES 1-25, inclusive	Dismissed	Claimant alleges bodily injury due to trip & fall incident over a pothole	7/31/2026		
26CV04636	So. Co. Superior	JANICE MOTLEY, Plaintiff, v. CITY OF SANTA ROSA; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	Active	Claimant alleges bodily injuries due to trip and fall incident from uneven/raised bricks			
SCV-264530	So. Co. Superior	David Pelayo, Roberto Hernandez, Edmond Andre, Bryan Munoz, and Brian Medeiros, Appeal each as an individual, and on behalf of the general public for all those similarly situated v Utility Partners of America, LLC, a Delaware corporation; City of Santa Rosa and DOES 1 through 250, inclusive.		Plaintiffs allege failure to pay prevailing wages and related compensation versus employer UPA for public works project; UPA alleges City is obligated to defend and indemnify UPA.		6/14/2023	\$250,000.00
SCV-268752	So. Co. Superior	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association and Rincon Valley dba Rincon Valley Mobilehome Park v. City of Santa Rosa; Department of Housing and Community of the City of Santa Rosa; Megan Basinger, in her official capacity as Interim Director of the Department of Community Services of the City of Santa Rosa; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	Judgment	Complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief; Petition for Writ of Traditional Mandamus; regarding mobile home park rent control ordinance - application of State price gouging limitations			
SCV-270898	So. Co. Superior	Cindy Gemignani, as conservator of the Estate of Daryl W. Titus v. City of Santa Rosa, Jose Andrade and DOES 1-20 inclusive	Active - Set for Trial	Claimant alleges they suffered injuries when struck by a vehicle after an off duty SRPD officer instructed them to cross street			
SCV-272340	So. Co. Superior	JOHN DOE #1 J.B., an individual, vs. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; SONOMA COUNTY FAMILY YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION; SANTA ROSA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION dba CAMP WA-TAM; DAY; and DOES 4 through 100	Active	Alleges sexual abuse of a minor; intentional infliction of emotional distress; sexual harassment; negligence; negligent supervision; violation of civil rights; battery. Conduct alleged to have occurred in the early 1980s.			
SCV-273655	So. Co. Superior	People of the State of California, by and through Sue Gallagher, City Attorney for the City of Santa Rosa; and City Of Santa Rosa, V. Jorge Luis Calderon Caballero, Daniel Felix Nunez Serna, Roberto Carrillo, Emiliano Bautista Rodriguez, Manuel Andres Garfia, George Michael Patino Flores, Alexys Aguirre-Serrano, Joel Vasquez Cortez, Jersain Lezama Meza, Jesus Calderon Avalos, Neri Alberto Orea-Vasquez, Richard Murillo Robles, Rodrigo Lopez-Tapia, and Does 1-100	Active	Complaint for Public Nuisance, Civil Conspiracy, Willful Misconduct, and Violation of Fish and Game Code§ 5650(a)(l).			
3:22-cv-05196-VC	USDC - Northern	James Earl Lindsey v. Santa Rosa Police Officer Jason Jucutan	Judgment	Violation of civil rights; false arrest.	7/20/2026		

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3:25-cv-01350-WHO	USDC - Northern	City and County of San Francisco, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al.	Appeal	Lawsuit brought by cities and counties nationwide against the President and federal administration, challenging executive orders and directives that try to withhold federal funding from local governments unless the local governments help with enforcement of federal civil immigration laws.			
3:25-cv-08330-WHO	USDC - Northern	County of Santa Clara, et al. v. Kristi Noem, et al.	Appeal	On September 30, 2025, Santa Rosa joined more than two dozen other local governments nationwide -- including City of Petaluma, County of Sonoma, and Sonoma Water -- in a lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the heads of those agencies. The lawsuit, County of Santa Clara v. Noem, challenges unlawful attempts by the Trump administration to require local governments receiving DHS and FEMA grants to use local resources to implement federal policies.			
4:26-cv-01230-KAW	USDC - Northern	LYDIA JONES; ISAIAH HARRIS; SHEA FLEMING, vs. CITY OF SANTA ROSA; OFFICER WESTIN SCHINDLER; OFFICER DANE SCHINDLER; DOES 1-10	Active	Claimant alleges SRPD violated their 4th amendment rights			
CV26-08177-EMC	USDC - Northern	MERLIN DAVIS, Plaintiff, vs. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, JENNY MARQUEZ, TIM BARRETT, CASSIDY ANDERSON, Defendant	Active	Complaint filed for alleged violation of USC 1983, 5th and 4th Amendment, and for Peremptory Writ of Mandate to Enforce California Public Records Act and ex parte application for Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction and Peremptory Writ of Mandate			
2:25-cv-00814-BJR	USDC - Western WA	Martin Luther King, Jr. County (King County), et al. v. Turner, et al.	Appeal	Santa Rosa joined what is now nearly 60 other public agency plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging unlawful attempts by the federal administration to require local governments receiving federal grants from DOT, HUD, and HHS to implement the President's expansive anti-immigration, anti-DEI, anti-LGBTQ+ and anti-choice policies. Because Santa Rosa does not receive HHS grants, Santa Rosa challenges only the unlawful DOT and HUD grant funding conditions. Motion for a preliminary injunction in favor of new plaintiffs (including Santa Rosa) granted on 8/12/25.			