

Logan Gray suffers numerous bed bug bites at Meadows Resort and Spa

In the case of Logan Gray v. Meadows Resort and Spa/JML Properties, Logan Gray, a newsanchor at WHML, woke up with what seemed to be 150 bed bug bites after staying at Meadows Resort and Spa. The manager, Riley Putnam, stated that, "All employees receive the proper cleaning techniques and training and they also train for early bed bug detection." He claims that the only complaint ever received about bed bugs were from Ms. Gray, and prior to her having these bed bug bites she caused an argument in the hotel lobby with another guest saying, "She was a celebrity and she could ruin her".

After Ms. Gray was bitten by the bed bugs, Riley Putnam offered to make the situation better by offering to put her in a different room, a week's stay, clean her luggage and clothing, and take her to get medical care; all of which she declined saying she has a story to report. Ms. Gray was being interviewed by Alex Belton, general manager for GBCN, and Alex was going to hire Logan for a new story called <u>Justice</u>

Prevails and she was the top candidate out of three, Alex Belton needed someone like Logan Gray because their rates were slipping and Ms. Gray met all the criteria.

Ms. Gray and Charlie Sanders, former employee at WHML, decided to rent rooms at cheap motels and turn the story into an educational piece and Charlie recalls

Ms. Gray saying "maybe I should just plant the bed bugs". Ms. Gray also got an exterminator to check the other rooms, but there were no other bed bugs in any rooms but the one Ms. Gray was staying in. The exterminator, Avery Young, assumed that the bed bugs were all adult bed bugs because they were bright red and there were no nests for babies anywhere in the room. Avery also said, "Bed bugs are known for jumping off lugagges and clothing."

On July 13, 2008, Ms. Gray contacted Dr. Trenton Coker, expert in dermatology and entomology, because she thought she was bitten by bed bugs. After the examination was through, Ms. Gray had a very severe case of bed bug bites, over 150, and she had an allergic reaction to the bed bugs. Dr. Coker prescribed her with antihistamines, corticosteroids, antimicrobial ointment and antibiotics. But before this appointment with Dr. Coker, Ms. Gray recently met with her previously on June 4, 2008, asking questions about the medical side effects of bed bugs. Logan Gray also made Dr. Coker more well-known by these bed bug incidents and Dr. Coker recieved a \$2,000 retainer fee for knowledge and expertees.

On July 14, 2008, Logan Gray had the camera crew film her bites and sores she received to warn the public to not go to that hotel because of the bed bug infestation, and on Sunday morning it appeared on the front page of South Carolina Star quoting Riley Putnam that Logan Gray fabricated the bed bug story and that she planted them there herself. She claims that it is a lie and Putnam's comments defamed her name. Shortly after the news article appeared, Alex Belton emailed Ms.Gray saying she no

longer could have the job for <u>Justice Prevails</u>. Her name had been discredited, and in the news, your name is everything. Riley Putnam lost Ms. Gray a lucrative job offer of 10 times more than she was already making of \$500,000.