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Carnegie Deli owner says her husband and his girlfriend stole \$10 million over last decade

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Now, the deli owner, who found out about her husband's affair in 2011, is accusing Siricharoen, a former hostess

at Carnegie, of helping her husband to launder and hide the funds in her own businesses and of accepting food stolen from Carnegie's facilities in Manhattan and New Jersey.

In addition, Levine says her husband paid his girlfriend and son for work not done and paid employees cash bribes to keep quiet about his alleged theft.

Carnegie Deli owner Marian Harper Levine slapped her husband, his girlfriend and her stepdaughter Friday with a new lawsuit claiming that they have conspired for the last decade to steal at least \$10 million from her personal and corporate accounts.

In papers filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, Levine says her husband, Sanford Levine, started withdrawing funds in 2000 from the business and her personal bank, brokerage and other accounts.

She claims he forged her signature on checks written to companies that had no business with Carnegie and hid money in bank account, safe deposit boxes, his girlfriend's restaurants in New York and Thailand, and in bank accounts and property owned by his daughter, Jodi Levine Smith of Old Bridge, N.J.

In an earlier lawsuit, Marian Levine accused her husband, the deli's manager, of giving his girlfriend, Penkae Siricharoen, a cheap rent over the deli. Levine sued last year to get the girlfriend evicted and until now had only accused Siricharoen verbally of stealing her cheesecake and pastrami recipes.

Attorneys for Sanford Levine did not return calls Friday.

Siricharoen's lawyer **Peter Schwartz** said "we are confident that the latest complaint will be dismissed" in the same way that Marian Levine's earlier litigation is tottering.

