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Mario Chalmers' dad sued over defamation, contract allegations



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[Ronnie Chalmers](#), the father of **Miami Heat** guard Mario Chalmers, is facing a lawsuit over allegations he breached a contract with a former business partner, [David Sugarman](#) of Miami.

According to the lawsuit, Sugarman and Chalmers signed an agreement to become partners in Sugartime The Sports Agency.

But the agreement apparently didn't work out. Sugarman's lawsuit is alleging that [Ronnie Chalmers](#) took documents from him, bad-mouthed him to potential clients and failed to pay his way.

The suit says Chalmers resigned April 17 but immediately started talking to potential recruits, which allegedly violated a non-compete agreement.

The suit was filed May 21 in Miami-Dade Circuit Court. It alleges breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, defamation and seeks an injunction barring [Ronnie Chalmers](#) from violating the non-compete agreement. The suit says Chalmers owes Sugarman \$19,640.

Sugarman's attorney is [Darren Heitner](#) of Wolfe Law Miami.

"My client though this would be a good arrangement for both parties, but that didn't prove to be the case. Ronnie Chalmers also expressed his intention to recruit his son, Mario Chalmers," Heitner said.

According to the lawsuit, Chalmers was attempting to recruit such players as [C. J. Leslie](#), [Willie Cauley-Stein](#), [Ben McLemore](#), [Travis Releford](#), [Elijah Johnson](#), [Kyle Fuller](#), [Brandon Davies](#) and Jamel Carpenter for the purpose of representing them.

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