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# 'My worst fears have come true'

### Conor O'Dwyer devastated after court rules for developers in property dispute

By Nathan Morley

**H**OMEBUYER Conor O'Dwyer was left devastated yesterday after losing his private criminal prosecution against a land developer in a case which could have far-reaching implications for the property sector in Cyprus.

The long awaited verdict has cleared Paralimni based Karayannis Developers of any wrongdoing - whilst delivering a bitter blow for O'Dwyer after years of legal wrangling over a disputed villa in Frenaros.

Despite the state refusing to press charges citing lack of evidence, O'Dwyer pushed on with the action after a court found there was a prima facie case.

O'Dwyer, 40, tried to es-

tablish criminal activity claiming his contract was cancelled by Karayannis - pointing to the fact that the disputed four-bedroom villa was already rubber stamped in his name at the Land Registry.

To make matters worse, O'Dwyer alleged that the villa was later resold without his knowledge, resulting in him not only losing the property but also £100,000 of installments he had paid to the developer.

"My worst fears have come true," O'Dwyer told the *Cyprus Mail* after the court hearing yesterday. "What this means is that a developer can keep your money and never deliver your house, then if they want they can re-sell it. Our contract is in the Land Registry and

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US President Barack Obama shakes hands with his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao after a press conference in the East Room at the White House in Washington, DC.

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