

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear a New Mexico case in which a man sued Sandia Resort and Casino over what the tribe characterized as a malfunctioning slot machine that had displayed a \$1.6 million jackpot.

Attorney Sam Bregman, who represents

retired Albuquerque city worker Gary Hoffman, says the Supreme Court's refusal to take the case ends Hoffman's legal battle.

He says his client is disappointed.

A state district court had dismissed Hoffman's lawsuit, and the New Mexico Court of Appeals upheld that decision.

The rulings supported Sandia Pueblo's position the tribe can't be sued because of its sovereign immunity.

Sandia attorney David Mielke was not available for comment Wednesday.

But he has said there's nothing to debate since sovereignty is an endowed right for tribes.

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