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## **Quiznos Franchisees Sue Company**

*MAY 05, 2005* -- NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ -- Seventeen Quiznos franchisees in New Jersey have sued the sandwich operator for fraud, according to a release.

The franchisees allege that Quiznos took franchise fees from them but refused to approve locations to open sandwich stores. Quiznos is accused of not returning their fees and threatening the operators with termination.

The owner-operators are seeking punitive damages from Quiznos for violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act.

"Quiznos has engaged in a deceptive practice that includes taking money from people by making them believe they are making a safe investment, when in fact, this just isn't true," said Justin Klein, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

A Quiznos rep wasn't immediately available to comment.