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Cowboys seek \$42 million from suite holder

by CHRIS HAWES / WFAA-TV

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ARLINGTON — For many fans, having their own suite at the new Cowboys Stadium is a fantasy too expensive to become reality.

But the Dallas Center for Cosmetic Dentistry didn't merely buy the rights to one suite. In October of 2007 — more than a year before the suites were unveiled to the public — the cosmetic dentistry business signed leases on six suites at a cost of \$2.1 million a year.

The first year's bill came due last year. According to the Dallas Cowboys, the business ignored it.

After what a Cowboys spokesman said was a year's worth of attempts to collect the money owed, the Cowboys this week filed a lawsuit. It demands the total value of the 20-year contract: \$42 million.

"If you're going to speculate on the Cowboys nickel, be sure you have the money to pay the bill," said Cowboys Stadium attorney Levi McCathern.

The Dallas Center for Cosmetic Dentistry is not alone.

Cowboys spokesman Brett Daniels said the team has worked with a lot of suite owners, club seat holders, and season ticket holders who also signed lengthy lease commitments to come up with ways to help them meet payment schedules.

"We're not looking to go after the little guy, the season ticket holder, by any means," Daniels said. But he indicated that the Dallas Center for Cosmetic Dentistry is another issue entirely.

"This is a large company that's chosen to not respond," he said.

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