

Jackson told to pay \$4 million after concert idea failed

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MARTINEZ — A Superior Court judge has affirmed a decision ordering entertainer Jermaine Jackson and others to pay \$4 million in damages for failing to come through on a promised South Korean concert tour.

Ordered to pay \$2 million in compensation and \$2 million in punitive damages are Jermaine Jackson, his parents and a former Contra Costa couple, Kyu-Sun Choi and Mi Rae Choi.

Michael Jackson, Jermaine's brother, was named as a defendant

in the suit but settled out of court for an undisclosed sum in 1992.

Last summer, he issued his preliminary decision, ordering the defendants to pay the \$4 million to the Segye Times, a Seoul newspaper.

The newspaper said the defendants had persuaded it to invest \$5.5

million in a Michael Jackson concert tour. The tour never materialized.

The paper filed the suit in Contra Costa County because the Chois used to live in Alamo and El Cerrito. Their last address is in Berkeley, said the newspaper's attorney, Christopher Kerosky of San Francisco.