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He claimed he had been recovering from major back surgery and was under heavy medication that left him too impaired to understand what he was signing. He also pointed to Huntington's Disease, the pre-existing neurological condition he was diagnosed with in 2015, as further proof that he lacked the capacity to approve the multimillion-dollar sale. Perry and Bloom's team, however, fired back and insisted the deal was valid and that Westcott had been fully aware of what he agreed to. Within days of the sale, Carl Westcott, a former army serviceman, sought to withdraw from the deal, arguing he lacked the mental capacity to comprehend the contract he signed due to his pain medication following back surgery. Kameron Westcott/Facebook The superstar's business manager further argued Westcott had seller's remorse after realizing he could have received more money for the property in a fast-climbing market. A judge eventually sided with Perry, ruling that Westcott was "coherent, engaged, lucid and rational" at the time he authorized the sale. With that decision, the court shut down his attempt to rescind the deal - although the case still didn't end there. Once the sale was officially upheld and Perry finally secured title to the mansion in May 2024, she turned around and sued for damages on Nov. 21, 2025. In December 2023, a judge ruled in Perry's favor, saying Westcott had offered no convincing evidence that he was incapable of consenting. Kameron Westcott/Facebook The "Firework" singer argued that the years-long delay prevented her from renting out the property, which she said could have brought in millions. She also claimed that the home fell into disrepair during the dispute, which created a long list of costly fixes. Perry initially sought nearly \$5 million from Westcott, combining what she said was more than \$3.5 million in lost rental income and more than \$1.3 million in needed repairs. After reviewing months of financial documents, property assessments and expert testimony, the judge agreed she was owed money - although not the full amount she initially demanded. In the final ruling, the judge awarded Perry roughly \$1.84 million, which was made up of a calculated rental-value loss minus offsets for retained capital and interest, plus an approved repair-cost amount, per People. The mansion at the center of the controversy, meanwhile, sits on a 2.5-acre property and includes eight bedrooms, 11 bathrooms, multiple guest spaces, ocean views, manicured grounds, an infinity pool, a jacuzzi and plenty of privacy. A final judgment hearing connected to the financial settlement is reportedly scheduled for Dec. 30. Katy Perry is due to recoup \$1.8 million from the price of the \$15 million Montecito mansion that plunged her into a headline-grabbing real estate war with 86-year-old Texas millionaire Carl Westcott, who also happens to be the father-in-law of Real Housewives of Dallas cast member Kameron Westcott. A judge signed a proposed order Tuesday that will award Perry the \$1.8 million so long as neither party files a viable objection in the next ten days. The money represents the damages Perry suffered when Westcott bailed on their \$15 million purchase agreement in 2020, claiming he lacked capacity when he signed it. Westcott sued Perry through her business manager, trying to overturn the sale, but he lost at a bench trial during the first phase of the legal battle. Perry had asked for an award of \$4.7 million in damages during phase two of the trial. Westcott argued her damages should be limited to only \$260,000. In his proposed ruling, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Joseph Lipner found a middle ground. He said Perry deserved \$2.8 million for lost rental value while the property was in limbo, and \$260,000 for repairs for things like a fallen tree and water damage. But he then deducted \$1 million because Perry was able to invest her money elsewhere during the fight, and because Westcott lost interest on that amount. Rolling Stone's attempts to reach lawyers on both sides were not immediately successful on Wednesday. The battle over the luxury property started soon after Westcott signed the sales contract with Perry in July 2020. Within weeks, the businessman sought to undo the deal. He, his family, and his lawyers would go on to claim he was suffering from a degenerative brain disease, symptoms of dementia, post-operative delirium, and the effects of heavy painkillers following a lengthy back surgery when he finalized the contract. At the liability trial in 2023, Perry and her lawyers brought in text messages, emails, and witness testimony showing Westcott was alert and cognizant during his sale of the Montecito estate. They showed Westcott was so engaged, he even courted a rival bid from yet another high-profile interested buyer, Maria Shriver, before going with Perry. Though Perry initially faced public backlash over allegations she tried to push an elderly, ailing veteran out of his home against his wishes, the trial revealed that Westcott purchased the coastal estate on May 29, 2020, just six weeks before signing his deal with Perry's representative, Bernie Gudvi. Lawyers for Gudvi argued that Westcott badgered his broker about when Perry's initial offer was expected to land, rejected her initial \$13.5 million bid, signed a counteroffer for \$15 million on July 15, 2020, actively organized Perry's tour of his property on July 17, 2020, agreed to extend the deadline on his counteroffer when the initial deadline lapsed, and criticized his agent for requesting a five percent commission. In his 2023 ruling siding with Perry and ratifying the deal, the judge noted that Westcott's own medical expert failed to "offer a cogent explanation" that would allow the court to find Westcott "lacked competence" to sign the sales contract. After Perry prevailed, she placed \$9 million in escrow and took control of the property in April 2024, leaving the remaining \$6 million of the purchase price unpaid pending the outcome of the damages phase. She alleged the four years she had to wait to take control of the property caused her to lose more than \$3 million in fair-market rental income, and that Westcott's "lack of maintenance" while the litigation was pending caused \$2.29 million in necessary repairs to get the property back up to the condition it was in 2020. (The estate includes a main house, a three-bedroom guest house, a one-bedroom pool house, a gym building, a pool, and an equipment building.) In court filings, Perry and her reps alleged the house suffered "pervasive flood damage" in early 2024 and had a large tree fall on a structure, cracking its foundation. Westcott claimed Perry only produced estimates for the repair work, not final contracts or receipts. At the hearing earlier this year, Westcott's lawyer, Andrew J. Thomas, said that after Perry took control of the house, she rented it to actor Chris Pratt and his wife, Katherine Schwarzenegger, Shriver's daughter. He argued the house had to have been in good shape for Perry to attract such high-profile tenants. Perry's lawyer said the singer wasn't seeking "reimbursement" for her completed work because she wasn't obligated to restore the house and ultimately made some changes. He claimed the onus was on Westcott to hand over the house in its purchase agreement condition, and for that reason, the estimates Perry submitted reflected what it would have cost to get the property back to the original condition. Perry has been in the news repeatedly this year. She took an 11-minute trip to sub-orbital space aboard one of billionaire Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin rockets in April, shortly before news of her split from longtime partner Orlando Bloom surfaced in June. She was later spotted dining out with Justin Trudeau, the former prime minister of Canada. He later popped up at one of her concerts, fueling ongoing speculation that the two are dating. The five-year-long Montecito mansion dispute involving Katy Perry and an 85-year-old veteran who is reportedly nearing the end of his life has taken yet another dramatic turn.The 41-year-old pop star is now pursuing a new lawsuit against the disabled Carl Westcott, seeking \$5 million in damages she claims were caused by his prolonged litigation.The latest filing has social media split down the middle, with some users blasting Perry and calling to "cancel her," while others insist it's "not her fault."One supporter wrote, "Team Katy Perry! Just because he's a disabled veteran doesn't stop anyone from suing him."The property dispute between Katy Perry and Carl Westcott first began in 2020 after the singer purchased the veteran's Montecito mansionImage credits: The Hapa Blonde/GC ImagesKaty Perry and her then-fiancé Orlando Bloom bought the eight-bedroom, 11-bathroom home in the upscale California neighborhood in July 2020, reportedly for \$15 million.According to reports, the former couple had urged Westcott to sell them the property, as the Firework singer was heavily pregnant with their daughter, Daisy, at the time and wanted to raise her in the home.But just days after signing the contract, Westcott attempted to reverse the sale, arguing that he had been incapacitated by painkillers he was taking following back surgery when he agreed to the terms.What followed was a years-long legal battle, beginning when the former Army serviceman filed a lawsuit against Perry's business manager, Bernie Gudvi, just one month after the deal was finalized.Image credits: kameronwestcottHowever, following over three years of a highly-contested legal dispute, a judge ruled in Katy's favor in December 2023, concluding that Westcott failed to establish he lacked the capacity to consent to the sale.She was handed the keys in May 2024.Shortly after, according to multiple reports, Katy countersued for \$3.5 million, citing losses from being unable to lease the property during the lengthy court proceedings, as noted in a filing on November 21.In May 2024, the 13-time Grammy nominee gained full ownership of the property after an intense and messy four-year legal battleImage credits: katyperryImage credits: morlikosernameShe also sought an additional \$1.3 million for repair work to restore the home, bringing the total to nearly \$5 million.Meanwhile, the founder of 1-800-Flowers, Carl, was unable to attend the legal proceedings as he is bedridden and living with Huntington's disease, a degenerative neurological condition. He currently resides in a hospice facility.His son, Court Westcott, has stepped in on his behalf, along with other family members, to oppose Katy's lawsuit.Image credits: Google MapsImage credits: thejammajammaFans, for the most part, have expressed support for her move, calling it "fair" and the "right" thing to do.One supporter bluntly wrote, "Multi-millionaire who signed a contract then tried to get out of it. She's in the right."Another added, "He screwed up. Not her fault. He was competent when he signed the papers. Even the judge agreed. His own fault. He found out who it was and wanted more money."Fans were largely supportive of Katy, with several accusing the 85-year-old veteran of acting in a "foul" manner and attempting to "extort" more money from herImage credits: kameronwestcottImage credits: bigperryenergyA third chimed in, "She did everything by the book. It's unfair to paint her as the villain when she simply exercised her legal rights like anyone else would."However, not everyone sided with the pop star.Some critics questioned her persistence, asking, "Why is she so insistent on getting that house? She could've bought another house."In a surprising twist, it was discovered that Perry still owes Westcott \$6 million of the \$15 million she agreed to pay for the propertyImage credits: katyperry"She is so mean... she seems so cold, and like whatever happened to her growing up, she wants to take it out on everyone else."One fan even pointed to Perry's controversial past legal battle with an 89-year-old nun in 2018, writing, "God, I can't stand this woman. Just when you think your opinion of this nun-harasser can't get any lower, she bests herself."Back in 2018, Perry was embroiled in a lawsuit over the sale of a Los Angeles convent when, in a heartbreaking turn of events, the elderly nun involved in the case, Sister Catherine Rose Holzman, suddenly collapsed and passed away while appearing in court.Image credits: GringoElCaminolImage credits: ZombielicoriceJust hours before her tragic demise, she had publicly pleaded on national television, telling reporters, "Katy Perry, please stop."As for the Westcott case, a twist surfaced when, on November 7, the veteran's lawyers filed documents in a Los Angeles court claiming that Perry still owes Westcott \$6 million of the purchase price.Her business manager, Gudvi, had paid Westcott only \$9 million while retaining the remaining \$6 million."I stand to lose money if it does not work in my favor," the Teenage Dream singer testified to a judgeImage credits: kameronwestcottDuring a hearing, Carl's attorney, Andrew J. Thomas, asked Perry whether she expected to "gain money or anything else from the outcome of this litigation."Addressing the Los Angeles County Superior Court judge directly via Zoom, Katy replied, "Yes... justice. I stand to lose money if it does not work in my favor."Image credits: headnavyImage credits: herbiehblnThen, on November 25, just days after her latest filing, Judge Joseph Lipner ruled that Perry was to be paid a little over \$1.8 million.Because she still owed Westcott \$6 million of the original purchase price, the judge ruled that Perry can now deduct the \$1.8 million judgment from the outstanding amount she owes the veteran.Image credits: Sergione Infuso/CorbisAccording to People magazine, a hearing for her business manager to challenge the judgment is scheduled for December 30."This has been ongoing for a long time. I think it's ridiculous... they're both rich and can waste their money as they like," wrote one user 11/21/2025Olympic Sports Centre GymnasiumHangzhouBUY11/22/2025Olympic Sports Centre GymnasiumHangzhouBUY11/24/2025Mercedes Benz ArenaShanghaiNFO11/25/2025Mercedes Benz ArenaShanghaiNFO11/26/2025Mercedes Benz ArenaShanghaiBUY11/29/2025Wuyuanhe StadiumHaikouBUY12/03/2025Saitama Super ArenaTokyoBUY12/07/2025Abu Dhabi Grand PrixAbu DhabiBUY06/18/2026Festival O Son Do CamiñoSantiagoBUY06/20/2026Rock in RioLisboaBUY06/24/2026Malahide CastleDublinBUY06/27/2026Werchter BoutiqueWerchterBUY06/30/2026Depot LiveCardiffBUY07/01/2026Blenheim Palace FestivalOxfordshireBUY07/03/2026Main Square FestivalArrasBUY07/05/2026Festival Rio BabelMadridBUY07/08/2026Jazz OpenStuttgartBUY07/09/2026MusilacAix-les-BainsBUY07/11/2026Festival de NîmesNîmesBUY07/12/2026Nancy Open AirNancyBUY07/14/2026Luxembourg Open AirLuxembourgBUY07/16/2026Les Vieilles CharruesCarhaixBUY07/17/2026Lovely Brive FestivalBrive-la-GaillardeBUY07/19/2026Lucca Summer FestivalLuccaBUY

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