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Cruise Not Gay, Court Rules in Actor's Lawsuit

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Tom Cruise dropped a \$100-million defamation lawsuit against a magazine publisher after the publisher stated he does not have a videotape showing the actor having sex with another man.

"Cruise does not appear on the videotape to which said defendant referred," said a Superior Court stipulation approved by Los Angeles Judge Emilie Elias. "[Cruise] is not, and never has been, homosexual and has never had a homosexual affair."

Cruise's lawsuit, filed June 4, accused Michael Davis of Bold magazine of sending news releases to at least a dozen U.S. media organizations alleging that the actor had engaged in a homosexual relationship during his marriage to Nicole Kidman.

Under terms of the settlement, Davis is barred from making statements contrary to the finding and must pay his own legal fees.

Both sides claimed to be pleased with the verdict. "My client was sued for \$100 million," said Davis' attorney, Edward Pilot. "As it turned out, he did not pay Mr. Cruise a penny." No matter, retorted Cruise's attorney, Bertram Fields. "The story was false," he said. "[Cruise is] not gay, and the judge so ruled."