

Mich. couple in lawsuit: 'Pokemon Go' just has to go

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DETROIT — Nintendo says its mission is to "put smiles on people's faces."

Scott and Jayme Dodich, of St. Clair Shores, northeast of Detroit, aren't smiling.

"Pokemon Go," they say, is making them miserable — so they've decided to sue the video game giant and its wildly successful game in federal court.

After weeks of complaining about Pokemon players

trampling their landscaping, peering into their windows and even cussing at them, the Dodiches have filed a class-action lawsuit, claiming Pokemon Go developers and owners have made millions of dollars while ruining the quality of life for many Americans.

They claim the so-called Pokestops and gyms — which are actually GPS coordinates for Pokemon hunters looking for virtual creatures — are being placed on or near private property without the per-

mission of owners.

In their case, they live across the street from Wahby Park — a Pokemon hotspot that has a so-called Poke gym and at least seven stops that draw hundreds of players on any given day.

This virtual playground, the Dodiches say in their lawsuit, has turned into a real-life nightmare for their neighborhood. "Nobody gets sleep anymore," the lawsuit says. "How is this acceptable?"

The plaintiffs are suing three defendants: Niantic,

the San Francisco-based software firm that developed and published Pokemon Go; Nintendo, which owns 32 percent in the Pokemon company and receives a percentage of Pokemon Go revenues; and Pokemon Co., which is based in Tokyo. None of the defendants could be reached for comment.

According to the lawsuit, filed in federal court in California, Pokemon Go had been downloaded over 30 million times and made more than \$35 million.