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NBA player's townhouse rents for \$85,000 Roland Li

3/3/2011 **Retired executive and wife will occupy 24 Thompson for two months**

NBA basketball player Zydrunas Ilgauskas's 24 Thompson Street has been rented for two months for \$85,000 total, according to broker Josh Fields of Spire Group, who represented Ilgauskas in the deal.

The renters are a retired executive and his wife, from Coral Gables, Florida, represented by Gregory Williamson of Prudential Douglas Elliman. Fields and Williamson declined to comment further on their identity.

The renters toured the property at the end of last year, and wanted a temporary home to visit family in New York. They moved into the townhouse on March 1.

"It was just getting the details ironed out between the attorneys," said Fields. "[March] was really the time that he was looking to move in."

The five-story townhouse, which *Real Estate Weekly* [profiled](#) in December, has been called the tallest single-family home in downtown Manhattan. The 5,000 s/f building was renovated by Bob and Cortney Novogratz. before Ilgauskas and his wife, Jennifer, purchased the building.

Jennifer Ilgauskas was meticulous in adding her own additions to the property for the couple and their two sons, but the family moved to Miami after Ilgauskas signed with the Miami Heat.

"She really loves this townhouse. She really put her heart and soul into it," said Fields.

The family put the townhouse on the rental market for \$45,000 per month, giving them the option of moving back after Ilgauskas retires.

Singer Courtney Love and New York Knick Carmelo Anthony have also been reported as potential renters, and the townhouse will become available again on May 1. Anthony said he would look at the house after the New York Knicks returned from a recent road trip, but hasn't taken a tour yet.

"He said he'll check it out," said Fields. "Right now, I'm waiting for the phone to ring."

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