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City Attorney Zach Klein announces board up of another west side drug house

Court holds owners in contempt for violating orders to clean up property as reports of drug use and overdoses persist at condominium in west Columbus

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced that the Property Action Team secured a court order to board up a west side condominium for felony drug activity and overdoses. The property is currently under an agreed upon order with the court filed in 2021 following an extensive history of criminal activity, narcotics complaints, drug overdoses, domestic violence and shootings.

“Property owners that let drugs and criminal activity fester on their watch will not be tolerated in the city of Columbus. The moment we have sufficient evidence of this type of negligence, we will take action, and if appropriate, ask the Court to shut the property down so we can get it cleaned up,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“Neighbors are safer now with this magnet for drugs and crime no longer terrorizing the west side.”**

The City Attorney’s Office initially filed a complaint in 2021 alleging criminal activity and drug dealing out of 1117 Hardesty Place East, a condominium in the Hardesty Village complex on the west side. For years, the property plagued the neighborhood with multiple shootings, drug overdoses, and violent crime. The Environmental Court granted the City’s initial motion to board up the property in 2021 as well as a subsequent agreement later that same year between the Court, City and property owner for the owner to clean up the property and keep it crime and drug free.

Recently, however, the Property Action Team alleges several violations of the 2021 Court order. Police have observed multiple guests at the property after receiving community complaints about foot traffic and drug activity. There have also been reports of at least three drug overdoses at the property in recent years.

The Court sided with the City and granted its emergency motion to find the property owner in contempt of court and ordered CPD to board up the property.

“When we reach an agreement with owners to clean up a property, our involvement doesn’t end there. The City Attorney’s Office continues to monitor compliance and will not hesitate to step in to

shut a place down if misconduct and criminal activity persist,” said
Property Action Team Attorney Rob Doersam.

**Editor’s note: Copies of court documents can be viewed by clicking the links below:*

[2021 EVH 060197 CV Docket 5 11 2021](#)

[2021 EVH 060197 CV Docket 7 26 2021](#)

[Motion for Ex Parte Hearing Hardesty](#)