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PROPERTY OWNER PLEADS GUILTY TO FIVE MISDEMEANOR COUNTS AND AGREES TO REHABILITATE LONGSTANDING NUISANCE PROPERTY IN GOLDEN HILLS

San Diego, CA: The owner of ten residential units located at 2950-2964 B Street in Golden Hills, pleaded guilty last week, to five misdemeanor counts for maintaining a substandard building, a public nuisance, a fire hazard, and failing to properly board and secure vacant structures. William Carl Fink has allowed tenants to live in substandard conditions including but not limited to: dilapidated units; deteriorated and ineffective waterproofing of walls, roofs, foundations and floors; inadequate maintenance; inadequate heating; lack of sufficient fire resistive construction and fire extinguishing systems; inadequate plumbing; improper wiring; and the failure to install and maintain operable smoke alarms. Mr. Fink maintained vacant structures for several years leading to gang graffiti, trespassing by vagrants and past drug activity. There were also significant lead hazards found on the property. Mr. Fink was ordered to pay \$5,000 in fines and reimburse the City \$1,673.61 in investigative costs as part of a signed plea bargain agreement.

The owner must also rehabilitate the units on the property under a specified time line and with all required permits under the direction of the Neighborhood Code Compliance Division and Environmental Services Department's Lead Safety and Healthy Homes Program. The owner has already secured all of the vacant units and cleaned the property of illegal storage, trash, debris and graffiti. He must also maintain the property free of trash, debris, unpermitted storage, and graffiti. The plea bargain also requires him to install and continue to maintain smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers, as required by law. The case was prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney Nicole Pedone who worked closely with the San Diego Police Department and inspectors from the City's Neighborhood Code Compliance Division.

[The City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit](#) was established in 1984 to address nuisance properties and code violations throughout San Diego. The Unit works in partnership with the City's Neighborhood Code Compliance Department, the San Diego Police Department, and the community to identify and aggressively address code violations and nuisance properties. Community members can report property violations to the Neighborhood Code Compliance Division at 619-236-5500.

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