

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 3, 2022

RE: Administrative Hearing for 1423 Rose Street (TC2022-0003)

FROM: Karen DeMaria, City of Key West Urban Forestry Manager

On February 23, 2022, while driving through the Laird and Rose Street areas, I noticed a pile of vegetative debris in the right of way and recent land clearing of a residential property. I had noticed that the property was in the process of being cleaned up numerous times while driving in the area and I had visually noted the presence of several large trees and palms. A closer look at the debris pile and photos of the property (Google Earth and Zillow real estate photos) indicated that a *lignum vitae* (protected) and a *Ficus benjamina* tree (not protected) had been removed from the front area of the property.

Contact with the property owner indicated that the property was heavily infested with subterranean termites and the trees in the narrow area in front of the house were removed due to termite infestation. He did not realize the one tree was a *lignum vitae* but stated the tree had termites (photos submitted). He is willing to replant the property once the termite situation is under control.

Trunks that were measured in the pile had a diameter of 5-6 inches.



Former location of  
tree in yard.





Two  
photos of  
debris pile  
on right of  
way.





Two  
photos  
showing  
after and  
before the  
tree  
removal.



Lignum vitae

Ficus benjaminia

## Diaz, Joey

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