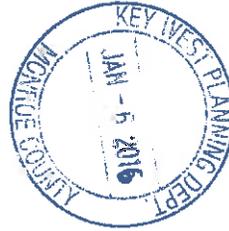


Public Comments



City of Key West Tree Commission
Po Box 1409
Key West Florida ,33040

To Karen DeMaria

Re 1434 Virginia St / 1438 Virginia St

Reference to Trees in the above stated Properties

This letter is to show that after acquiring 1434 Virginia Tom Tomlinson has acted in complete and deliberate disregard of the rules applying to trees and any safety of the neighbors adjacent to his property seeking only to do what he wanted.

I met Tom Tomlinson over my back yard fence when he first acquired the property 1434 Virginia St. He told me he was from "WE BUY UGLY HOUSES" in Wisconsin. He told me he was going to "do me a favor and trim my trees and not even charge me for it" I explained I lived at 1438 Virginia Street for over 10 years and have a 9 foot chain saw that I trim my own trees with. I told him NOT TO TRIM ANYTHING. A lot of the trees in Key West are protected such as the Mahogany Trees and he would need a licensed arborist. I foresaw an issue with him and therefore contacted Karen DeMaria. She phoned me to let me know she had met with Tom to explain all of this to him.

My second meeting with Tom was when he was trimming the trees in the front yard. He acknowledged meeting Karen and knowing he couldn't touch any Mahogany trees etc. without a licensed arborist. He asked how he could get rid of the tree debris from the front yard. I told him he could take it to the dump. He stated "Yeah but that costs money". I then suggested he try cutting it into 3 foot bundles and see how much the trash men would pick up. He then proceeded to line the street in front of 1434 Virginia and partially in front of 1438 Virginia Street.

My third meeting with Tom and his son was Friday evening December 4th with Alan Shoneck. We met in the evening because I was at work till 6pm. He had wanted to come on Saturday afternoon. Tom was aware that I would be at work Saturday and Sunday from 6am to 6 pm. They were doing a walk thru since Tom was interested in purchasing 1438 Virginia as well. My nine foot chain saw was in clear view. He stated he would be trimming on Saturday only the tree on the corner, the Chinaberry tree since its roots were cut and he was concerned it would fall and hurt someone. Again he stated he knew he couldn't touch the Mahogany tree without a licensed arborist. I told

him we weren't allowed to trim the big Tropical Almond in the front of the house without a licensed arborist. Alan contributed to the conversation as well.

I did not notice the tree carnage till Sunday night when I returned home from work. I immediately called my landlord Alan Shoneck. He was completely unaware that Tom was going to cut anything other than the Chinaberry tree. Tom cut my hibiscus, my sideways palm tree, leaving only 1 palm frond on the plant and the mahogany tree. Prior to this his house was barely visible. Now it is fully exposed. The one tree he was going to cut the Chinaberry tree. He trimmed it dangerously with the weight of the remaining tree hanging over the house at 1438 Virginia. All of this was done with the knowledge that the occupant of the house was bedridden and therefore would be at serious risk should the tree now fall over the house as a result of Toms trimming.

If you have any further questions regarding this issue I can be contacted 305 879 3366

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Tabone". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Sheila Tabone
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Key West, FL, 33040