

THE CITY OF KEY WEST

Building Department P.O.Box 1409, Key West, FL 33040

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: November 13, 2023, 2023

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City Municipal Code Section 2-322(a)(1)

The Contractors Examining Board shall have the power to determine if a license or certificate of competency of any contractor should be suspended for any violation of chapter 14, article III of chapter 18 and article II of chapter 34 and fix the length of time for such suspension.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of your alleged violation of the City of Key West Code of Ordinances.

Factual basis for the charge:

Count 1: Sec. 14-37 -Building permits; Failure to apply and obtain the appropriate permits.

On the morning of October 12th, 2023, During field inspections, I observed and photographed workers and work materials in the parking lot adjacent to 1015 Fleming (Eden House). I approached the worker on-site who identified himself as Shawn Hollman of STH CARPENTRY out of Sarasota, FL. Shawn stated he was building stairways and decks on the property. Shawn stated he was not a licensed contractor and did not have permits for the work. The property 1015 Fleming (Eden House) has an active permit for Pool resurfacing only. The work documented on site included extensive demolition of old decks and stairways and framing of new stairways and decks. The general manager of the property (Eden House) informed Inspector Tarin Wright, Officer Slecton, and myself that they were having daily plumbing issues being resolved by Patti the plumber and the pool area also had a new concrete foundation that was included in the work of a pool resurfacing permit (BLD2023-2218). The general manager also gave us background information on the work crews, scope of the demolition, and scope of ongoing work at the site. The manager also informed us that Tomkins Electric LLC had added or replaced 5 new electrical service units. The General manager informed us that Shawn and STH carpentry were hired by the owner of the hotel to oversee the construction and most of the labor was being performed by the hotel maintenance staff at the direction of the owner. All parties were informed to cease all work and secure the construction areas until all licensing and permitting issues had been resolved. A stop work order was posted on the front of the building, a code case has been opened, evidence photos stored and body cam video stored on the Code Share Drive>1LeoS>Body Cam Footage.

Location of Violation(s): 1015 Fleming St. Key West FL 33040

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPEAR before the Contractors Examining Board on December 6th, 2023 at 3:30p.m. at 1300 White Street to show cause why your permit privileges should not be suspended or revoked and / or show cause why Department of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR) should not receive a recommendation for disciplinary action.

YOUR RIGHTS, POSSIBLE BOARD DECISIONS, AND THE APPEAL PROCESS are all detailed in Section 2-324 of the City of Key West Code of Ordinances (attached). Be advised that if you decided to appeal any decision of the Board, you shall be responsible to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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