

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 28, 2017

RE: **18 Golf Club Drive Administrative Hearing**

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

In April 2017, a complaint was received regarding the cutting of roots on a large mahogany tree located in the front yard. Communication with the property manager indicated that the roots were probably cut because there was a trip hazard with pavers. The property manager, Key West Vacation Properties & Realty-Jaimie Cabellaro, hired Rigoberto Carrillo to do work on the property but said they did not authorize him to cut the tree roots.

















Photos taken July 2017









An inspection of the tree after the hurricane indicates the tree is doing ok. No serious health issues are being observed from the cutting of the roots and there appears not to be any structural damage to the tree from the unauthorized work.

**Violation: Permit required to cut the primary roots of a protected tree (Sec 110-321) and roots improperly cut-Tree Abuse (Sec 110-256 (b)1 & 2 and (c)1).**

**Recommendation: Recommend issuance of a fine against the contractor and the attendance of a training class with the Urban Forester regarding City of Key West Tree Ordinances.**