

# MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

DATE: June 4, 2021

RE: **Administrative Hearing for 500 White Street & 1118 Fleming Street  
(TC2021-0004) Additional Information**

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

A review of the City building permit files was done. A final inspection photo in the building permit file, BLD2020-1938, showed the Royal Poinciana tree had not been trimmed (photo dated December 1, 2020-attached). Contact was then made with the contractor on the property that did the roof work, RC Construction Services. A verbal discussion with Aldi Chavez, manager, verified that no tree trimming had been done by their crews and that photos had been taken when they left the site. I asked for a written comment and copies of the photos.

On June 2, 2012, and email was received from RC Construction Services along with photos of the job site (see attached). RC Construction stated they could not attend the meeting due to a schedule school graduation in Miami and hoped that the e-mail and photos would suffice.



BID2020-1938

Final Inspection  
Photo

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** RC Constructions <constructionsrc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 4:48 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: 500 White Street-Sunbeam Grocery Key West

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Good Morning, Mrs. Karen

As per our phone conversation, this is a written response as notification in reference to property 500 White St, Key West

I am a Roofing Contractor hired by property owner to do Re-roof work on the property only, we have nothing to do with the trimming of any tree

Please see attached pictures that we took while working on the roof showing existing trees that were on property even after we have finalized the roof work, the tree was still on the property.

We had nothing to do with the trimming of any tree for this property, we did repairs on the roof only.

I hope this clarification helps with your investigation, and that we have nothing to do with it.

As per your request to be present at the Tree Commission meeting held on June 7, 2021. Please, I am requesting to be excused from attending due to my son's school Graduation on that day.

Thank You.

RC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC

On Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 3:34 PM Karen DeMaria <[kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am working with the property owner of 500 White Street on an enforcement case regarding the improper trimming of a protected tree and the removal of two regulated trees on the property sometime between December 2020 and January 2021. The property owner claims that the roofing company trimmed and removed the trees. According to City building permit files, your company was the last to do roofing work on the property. Can you give me some information as to whether your crews were involved in the trimming of a Royal Poinciana tree and the removal of two other trees on the property? I am asking via e-mail before I actually send a written hearing notice to make sure of your involvement.

Sincerely,

Karen

*Karen DeMaria*

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Urban Forestry Manager

Certified Arborist FL-6585A

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Robert Chavez

**RC Construction Services, Inc.**

*Certified General & Roofing Contractor*

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**From:** Olvin Chavez <olvin6906@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 4:55 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 500 white st key west pictures











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