

Interactions with The San Diego Union-Tribune

**“San Diego to clean up Logan Heights home plagued by squatters, fights and a suspected overdose death”**

Dec. 1, 2022

**Question:**

Can you send me over the relevant filings, including one that lays out the facts of the case – and especially any filings that list the incidents that occurred at the home, as well as attempts to address the issue with the receiver. Also, what is the case number? Oh and the name of Janet McFarlin’s attorney.

**Response:**

Here is the complaint filed by our office, which lays out many of the dates and events at the property, and the court order appointing the receiver. Both include the case number, and the defendant's attorney's name is on the order (Kevin F. Armstrong).

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**Question:**

Do you have photos of the home that you guys took and can provide to us for publication?

**Response:**

I do not, but I'll ask the Nuisance Abatement Unit if they have some.

**Additional Response:**

Here you go.

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**Question:**

Does the City Attorney’s Office own the photos, and if so, does the office give the California Times permission to publish them in perpetuity? Also, any idea of when these were taken and whether they are filed as evidence in the court file? (Cal Times is the name of the combined Union Tribune and Los Angeles Times publications)

**Response:**

Picture of front of house was taken May 13, 2021. Picture of junk & trash was from July 7, 2021. These pictures were taken by City Code Enforcement investigators and were filed with the court, so they are part of the public record. Yes, the newspaper(s) may publish them.

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**Question:**

Are these homes supposed to be vacant right now?

**Response:**

Yes, they're supposed to be. The occupants were given a notice to vacate by Code Enforcement on 9/24/21. (It's in the complaint.)

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**Question:**

Three years ago I wrote that the City Atty Office had started using receivers. At that time, there was 15 receivership cases. Any earthly idea how many that number is now? And... are most of them hoarder homes?

**Response:**

We have filed more than 22 cases involving receiverships. Of those, about 70% are hoarding cases.

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