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Thousand Oaks Apartment Owner Ordered to Stop Violating the Law

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Dr. Ashok K. Sharma and 850 Warwick Avenue Apartments LLC in Thousand Oaks have been ordered by Judge Vincent J. O’Neill to comply with the law related to substandard housing. The court also granted a temporary restraining order prohibiting Sharma from allowing tenants to live with roach and bed bug infestation, inadequate heating, mold, electrical and plumbing issues, as well as other substandard living conditions. The court also issued an order prohibiting witness intimidation and froze the property’s assets pending a preliminary injunction hearing scheduled to be heard on September 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 41 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

The civil complaint filed by the District Attorney on July 31, 2019, alleges multiple violations of the Health and Safety Code, Penal Code, Thousand Oaks Municipal Code, California Plumbing Code, and other applicable statutes. The City of Thousand Oaks Code Compliance, along with the County of Ventura’s Environmental Health Division, recently concluded that the property is infested with roaches and bed bugs, and has other health and safety issues which render it substandard.

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