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Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics And Public Trust

Memo

To: Mike Murawski, Advocate
From: Breno Penichet, Investigator
Date: March 26, 2012
Re: K11-153 Hot line complaint / Possible Theft of Section 8 monies
by landlord

Background:

COE received an anonymous complaint from a concerned citizen advising that Frank Rodriguez (Rodriguez), a section 8 landlord, is receiving rent money while the property is vacant. The property is located at 1521 S.W. 6 Street, Apt. 303, Miami, Florida 33125. According to the anonymous complainant, no one has occupied that unit for the last two years, yet Rodriguez continues to receive rent through a section 8 program.

The complainant further stated that the previous tenant Victoria (LNU) is living in another location in Broward County. A records check of the rental address shows the owners of 1521 S.W. 6 Street to be "AVE FENIX LLC" with its principal place of business at 1361 N.W. 4 Street, Unit 13, Miami, Fl. 33125.

A records check revealed an active Florida LLC, Registered Agent Francisco Rodriguez. This information was turned over to, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Inspector General in order for them to determine if the landlord has been unlawfully collecting money for section 8 rent.

Conclusion:

Advocate Michael Murawski advised that no further action would be taken since there does not appear to be any ethics ordinance related violation. Accordingly, it is recommended that the above-cited be closed as referred to HUD/ OIG.