

Supervisor Romaine Announces Town Action to Condemn Medford House with No Water or Heat

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Child Protective Services Removes Children from Custody of Squatters Occupying House

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine announced today that the Town took action on January 28 to condemn a house located at 2814 Eagle Avenue in Medford. The Town was called to the location by the Suffolk County Department of Child Protective Services who received a complaint that squatters were living in the house. Upon entering, Town housing inspectors found it to have no heat and no running water. The occupants included one female adult and three young children. The children were removed from custody of the mother the following day after a court hearing. The Town will board and secure the house.

Among the violations that will be issued to the property owner are:

- No running water in the kitchen or bathroom
- No heat supplied to the dwelling unit
- No operational smoke detector inside three bedrooms
- No operational carbon monoxide detectors
- Egress blocked from the kitchen (door was unable to be opened from the inside due to no doorknob).

"It's hard to imagine that a parent would subject their young children to such miserable conditions," said Supervisor Romaine. "Thanks to the cooperative effort of Child Protective Services and the Town, we were able to place the family into a more safe and comfortable environment and rid this house of squatters who were threatening the quality of life in the neighborhood.

If residents believe that a property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call 451-TOWN to file a complaint. For more information or to access the Town's Code Book, go to www.brookhaven.org.

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