



CITY OF KENNER

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NEWS RELEASE – Kenner Code Sweep Uncovers 50 Violations, 1 Arrest

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A code sweep of a problem neighborhood in north Kenner on January 15th resulted in 50 citations being written by city code enforcement officers in the heavily populated 3500 and 3600 blocks of Martinique Avenue. The sweep was performed by members of Kenner's Code Enforcement Department, Kenner Police, Cox Cable and Entergy.

Violations cited during the sweep included electrical violations, substandard dwellings, exterior maintenance, grass/litter, abandoned vehicles, fencing and garbage cans. One arrest was made due to theft of cable.

For years this part of Martinique, which has a large number of multiple rental units, has been the subject of numerous complaints from adjacent property owners – mostly single family and condos – about the rental units being in poor repair and some of their occupants allegedly engaging in illegal activities. Several of the rental unit owners do not live in the area.

Missy Heyl, Assistant Director of Code Enforcement, said Tuesday's sweep began at approximately 9 a.m. and ended about two hours later. More unannounced sweeps and follow up inspections will be conducted on Martinique until the problems cited are resolved.

"This sweep was part of my continuing promise to fight blight and improve the quality of life in Kenner," said Mayor Mike Yenni. "The city wants to show that it is not going to allow these problems to continue on Martinique or any other area of town."

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