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CODE SWEEPS UNCOVER 132 VIOLATIONS

Kenner, LA. – Members of Kenner Code Enforcement’s Inspection and Complaint division uncovered a total of 132 violations in a pair of recent code sweeps – one in the 3200 to 3400 blocks of Colorado and Connecticut avenues and another in the 3200 to 3400 blocks of California and Arkansas avenues.

The sweep on California and Arkansas was the result of a complaint from a father whose daughter had just purchased her first home in the neighborhood and was concerned about the code issues she saw. Inspectors also reviewed a condominium complex in the 1600 block of Newport Street due to complaints.

The following violations were discovered during sweep on Colorado and Connecticut, as well as Newport Street:

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| Abandoned vehicles | 18 |
| Abandoned refrigerators | 1 |
| Address required | 4 |
| Building permit required | 3 |
| Soffit/Fascia issues | 5 |
| Fence repair | 4 |
| High grass | 1 |
| Litter/debris | 12 |
| Repair/demolition required | 4 |
| Unsafe electrical conditions | 4 |
| Vehicles parked on grass | 4 |

The following violations were discovered during the sweep on California and Arkansas avenues:

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| Abandoned vehicles | 8 |
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| Address required | 4 |
| Building permit required | 1 |
| Soffit/Fascia issues | 8 |
| Fence repair | 6 |
| High grass | 1 |
| Litter/debris | 16 |
| Stagnant water | 1 |
| Repair/demolition required | 3 |
| Unsafe electrical conditions | 8 |
| Unsafe mechanical conditions | 1 |
| Windows/doors/screens | 1 |
| Vermin proofing | 3 |
| Spreading of mud | 1 |
| Building maintenance required | 10 |

As a result of the sweeps, the property owners are identified and they are summoned to court and made to come into compliance with Kenner's code laws, often facing fines and court costs. Even for those property owners in compliance, they are placed on probation and if there is a repeat violation they can be recharged under the original violation.

"I applaud the Code Department and Director Rick Walther for the continuing war on blight, and I feel confident that the more we address neighborhood code violations, we will see the aesthetics and surroundings improve throughout the city."

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