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## City Attorney Zach Klein Announces City Boards Up Dangerous West Side Property Known for Crime and Drug Activity

*S. Richardson Ave. property boarded up following numerous police calls for service, burglaries, and narcotics activity*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the Property Action Team secured a court order to shut down a problem property at 467 S. Richardson Ave. on the city’s west side. The property had seen numerous calls for police service, burglaries, and narcotics activity. Flagstar Bank acquired ownership of the property on February 16, 2024. Columbus Police boarded up the home on Tuesday.

**“Residents, families and business owners on the west side deserve a safe, vibrant neighborhood free from crime and drug activity,”** said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“That’s why we continue to work with neighbors and law enforcement to take action to get these dangerous properties shut down.”**

According to court documents, since January 9, 2021, the Columbus Division of Police has received approximately 52 calls for service at the property, including 11 calls for burglary at a vacant structure and 14 drug/narcotic complaints.

In March 2021, police conducted controlled purchases of suspected narcotics at the property.

In April 2021, police received further reports of drug sales, prostitution and firearms at the property.

On April 21, 2021, police executed a search warrant at the property. Police recovered apparent narcotics including heroin, cocaine, and marijuana.

In August 2023, police received reports that traffic was picking up again at the property.

On February 16, 2024, Flagstar Bank acquired ownership of the property.

In August 2024, police responded to a report of a death at the property and found an apparently deceased individual, apparent narcotics, and drug paraphernalia.

Code Enforcement has visited the property on multiple occasions this summer. Around the time of the August 5, 2024 police incident, Code Enforcement officials secured the home by placing boards over open or broken doors or windows, or taking similar measures. A subsequent inspection found the property once again unsecured with seemingly unauthorized individuals gaining access in the interim.

**“The City is committed to shutting down hubs of criminal activity like this problem property that posed a serious threat to public safety,”** said Senior Assistant City Attorney Robert Doersam. **“We continue to urge residents and concerned neighbors who see something to say something so that we can take action to clean up these properties and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.”**