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RE: People v CP910BMIV LLC and Isla Vista Luxury Living, Inc., Case No. 20CV03876

Isla Vista Property Owner Settles Consumer Protection Case

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that the Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit of the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office reached a civil settlement with property owner, CP910BMIV LLC, and property management company, Isla Vista Luxury Living, Inc., to resolve consumer protection claims.

The civil complaint, filed in the Santa Barbara Superior Court, alleges that between August 2018 and December 2019, the Defendants committed unlawful business practices by failing to employ an on-site janitor, housekeeper, or other responsible person in an apartment complex with more than sixteen units. California Code of Regulations ("C.C.R."), title 25, section 42 requires an on-site responsible person at these larger apartment complexes to ensure that tenants' needs are properly met.

As part of the settlement, both defendants admitted liability and agreed to pay a total civil penalty of \$16,000 to the County of Santa Barbara. In addition, the defendants are permanently enjoined from violating C.C.R. title 25, section 42.

District Attorney Dudley said, "laws designed to protect tenants are extremely important, particularly in communities like Isla Vista where there is often an inherent imbalance of power between landlords and tenants. The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office is committed to enforcing these laws and to protecting the rights of tenants in Santa Barbara County."

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