

July 3, 2020

Steve Present
317 Mitchell
Tulare, CA 93274

Dear Mr. Present:

This letter is to notify you of my plans to file a civil lawsuit against you through the Tulare County Superior Court Civil Division for an unspecified amount of damages.

You were previously sent an email from my attorney regarding your trespass onto my property ordering you to Cease and Desist. You admitted in a public meeting on 5/28/2020 that was recorded on the Caring Cause Face Book site, that you did so to prove that I had abandoned my property. You parked in my driveway, knocked on my door, peeped into my windows, and turned a water faucet on.

These actions were attested to and verified by my neighbor, who asked you to identify yourself. You told her you were a friend of mine and she asked if you had my phone number, because she could provide my number if you did not. You said you had my phone number, to which she suggested you call me, which you never have. She said you then took pictures of my yard and property.

There was no reason for you to enter my property. You live across town, there was no For Sale sign posted, nor any other reason for your actions. You never called me or emailed me of any concerns. You not only trespassed upon my property, you contacted Code Enforcement and provided pictures of my house and driveway. I live on a dead-end cul-de-sac - the only person that would have concerns about my property is my neighbor across the street, the very same neighbor you conversed with. She has no concerns regarding the desert landscaping or driveway appearance.

My husband and I received a letter from the City of Tulare Code Enforcement Division referencing a "recent inspection that a violation of the Tulare Municipal Code exists on your property at 1741 E. Cheryl Lane, Tulare."

My claim for damages will include not only expenses that I have incurred for legal fees, but also the expenses incurred relating to the Violation Notice. In addition, I will ask for compensation for "pain and suffering." Not only did you make public statements regarding the condition of my property, you defamed me by stating that I had abandoned the property and left the state. Because of your statements, Xavier Avila questioned me as to whether or not I had a refrigerator and furnishings in my house on the public video. Because of your statements, I was further subjected to persons driving by my property to "see for themselves" - posted on the Caring Cause Face Book forum.

I do not know what your motivation was, or is, but you have caused irreparable harm.

Yours truly,

Vicki C. Gilson