

Tearing Down a Public Nuisance in Escondido

San Diego County's Code Enforcement group and Building Division helped speed up the process of razing a pair of abandoned buildings on a vacant Escondido Property in late December.

The building garnered media attention after the mother of an Escondido teen who was tragically killed in a DUI accident after leaving the property said her son and other teens routinely used the buildings to drink and conduct "rave" parties. The County's Code Enforcement group had no record of complaints about the property but was notified by the Sheriff's Department at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. They immediately sent officers to the site Friday morning and had posted the buildings for abatement and notified the owners before the end of the day. Meanwhile, the Building Division personally contacted the property owner and issued them a demolition permit by 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21.

In all, crews took six days to demolish the buildings, remove two abandoned vehicles, car parts, and trash ranging from lawn furniture, liquor bottles, clothing, bedding and construction debris.



BEFORE:



AFTER:

