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PROSECUTOR MAINTAINS PADLOCKING OF HOMETOWN INN

FLINT – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton announced that the Hometown Inn will remain padlocked for the next three months after a court hearing this afternoon.

The Hometown Inn on Miller Road in Flint Township was padlocked and closed for business on February 26th after Prosecutor Leyton filed a Complaint asking the Court to shut it down due to a repeated history of drug trafficking and use, prostitution, and violence at the premises. At a hearing today, the Court heard further arguments from the Prosecutor and agreed to issue a court order padlocking it for another 90 days.

Pursuant to an agreement between the Prosecutor and the owners of the motel, the owners will take several remedial steps within the next 90 days to try to rehabilitate and improve conditions at the premises in furtherance of the public's health, safety, and welfare. During the 90-day time frame, after improvements have been made, they may petition Prosecutor Leyton to re-open for business upon his satisfaction and approval.

Some of the improvements to be made according to the agreement are increased security including security guards working 24 hours a day, seven days a week; a security gate at the entrance; fencing around the property; and surveillance video equipment to monitor activity.

"I have no problem with reputable owners offering accommodations to the public," said Prosecutor Leyton. "But, those accommodations must be of such a standard so as not to interfere with the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Repeated drug trafficking, prostitution, and violence do not meet that standard," he said.

"We'll see what progress can be made at the Hometown Inn," he said.

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