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Complaint Memorandum

Insp Date: 3/10/21 **Business ID:** OW001085
Business: Complaint
24 West Ridge Road
Toms River, NJ 08755

Inspection: OW001122
File Number:
Phone:
REHS: B-101909 Dwight Gerdes
Reason: 06. COMPLAINT
Results: Complete

Complaint Number: C-202103100932-OW

Complaint Information

Type Body Art Date Received 03/09/21 Received By Rice, Cynthia
Complaint Origin Public Date Assigned 03/10/21 Assigned Inspector Gerdes, Dwight
Establishment Municipality _____ Date Finalized 04/07/21
Location _____
Owner, Agent of Responsible Person _____

Complainant Information

Complainant [REDACTED] Phone [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] City [REDACTED] State NJ Zip [REDACTED]
Occupation _____ Employer _____

Nature of Complaint: Illegal tattooing from a transitional housing establishment.
This item has Media/Attachments. See Footnote 1 at end of questionnaire.

Footnote 1

Complaint Memorandum

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email

Non-Media File Attachment

File Type: Unknown File Type

Current Path Name:

C:\WinWam5\MediaFiles\OG000115.htm

Original Path Name:

P:\Body Art Folder\C-202103100932-OW 24 West
Ridge Road TR.htm

cease and desist letter

Non-Media File Attachment

File Type: Adobe PDF File

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G:\Scanned Files\c-202103100932-ow cease.pdf

Confirmation letter from [REDACTED]

Non-Media File Attachment

File Type: Adobe PDF File

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Original Path Name:

G:\Scanned Files\24 westridge.pdf

Complaint Investigation Narratives

Narrative Date 03/12/21

Narrative Author Gerdes, Dwight

3/11/21

Dwight Gerdes, SREHS on site but did not access the property.

Call with Township of Toms River indicates:

Block # 411.35 Lot# 20

Owner: 24 West Ridge, LLC

3/12/21

Call with complainant who indicates:

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██████████ is tattooing out of █████ room at 24 West Ridge Road.

This property is part of Oxford House; a transitional alcohol and drug addiction house for sober living housing 8 beds.

3/24/21

Dwight Gerdes, SREHS on site at 24 West Ridge Road in Toms River, NJ escorted by 2 uniformed police officers.

██████████ answers the front door and it is explained to him that the Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) has received a complaint regarding tattooing from the home, at this location. When OCHD inspector requests to access the residence, █████ allowed us in. We proceeded to █████ room upstairs where inside and on the left, tattooing equipment and supplies were found in the open. The complaint was again reviewed and █████ indicated that:

- █████ doesn't tattoo out of this house
- █████ gets phone calls and goes to tattoo in other houses
- █████ thinks of tattooing as a hobby
- █████ indicates that █████ doesn't even get paid
- █████ understands that you cannot run a business out of another business (Oxford House property)
- Telephone # is ██████████
- Currently resides at 24 West Ridge Road Toms River, NJ 08755
- Email address is ██████████

We review how no tattooing is permitted anywhere other than in licensed body art establishments in New Jersey. Tattooing is not permitted in any house or residence.

OCHD inspector offers █████ help to get █████ tattooing in a licensed establishment (Note: The establishment must agree to bring him in, much like any other job). █████ was notified that we will be in touch, first by email and as early as today.

An email is sent to █████ that includes a copy of the Body Art Code and a copy of the EHS-34 form (Application for the Approval to Operate a Body Art Establishment). This email refers to a letter to be mailed to █████ and █████ written response that is needed to close this complaint.

3/25/21

██████████ confirms receipt of the email from OCHD. The email refers to a letter that will be sent to █████.

A letter is generated and sent to █████ by both certified mail and regular mail (attached to this complaint. The purpose of the letter, due to this complaint, is to have █████ respond to confirm that █████ will not continue to perform tattooing and in locations that are not licensed body art establishments. Confirmation by █████ is sufficient to close this complaint. In addition, if █████ is interested in working as a tattoo apprentice, tattoo practitioner or tattoo operator, Credentials and training are required and OCHD will provide him with guidance, and answer his questions.

4/7/21

Dwight Gerdes, SREHS has received a letter from █████ to confirm █████ will not tattoo at home or anyone else's (home)... will be removing tattoo equipment from the property.

With the receipt of this document, OCHD will close this case. Prior to closure, the complainant is notified of the findings and resolution. Complaint is not verified at this location but confirmed regarding tattooing in unapproved location(s) by someone who has not been approved to perform that kind of work (body art). Complaint is abated and the complaint is closed at this time with no cause for further action by this agency at this time.

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24 west ridge Road

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C:\Users\dgerdes\Pictures\24 west ridge road.PNG

email 3-24-21 to [REDACTED]

Non-Media File Attachment

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