



2020 WILTON DRIVE, WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA 33305

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This release is for MONDAY 9/28/15

The Wilton Manors Police Department Code Compliance Unit had identified and cited a resident in August for several issues pertaining to the upkeep of her residence/property, located at 1725 Coral Gardens Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33334. Lorelei Happel, a longtime resident was very concerned with not being able to comply with the violations and did her best to do all that was required of her.

The last violation which Lorelei was unable to comply with was painting her home. The paint on the house was old, chipped, and faded. Lorelei explained to our Code Compliance Unit she was not able to afford to have someone paint her residence for her and was not physically able to do it herself. Lorelei was not sure how she would be able to come into compliance.

Lorelei was able to obtain free paint from the City of Wilton Manors, but still was not able to complete the painting herself. She was now facing fines due to the non-compliance. Code Compliance Officer Holinko attempted to find groups or volunteers to assist Ms. Happel, but was unsuccessful. She told this story to Sergeant Rick Shawver, a 20+ year veteran from Wilton Manors who immediately knew what he had to do. Sergeant Shawver put together a team of police officers who are volunteering their time and money for the supplies needed to get Lorelei's house painted. Sergeant Shawver and Sergeant Biagio Balistreri met with Lorelei last week and told her what Wilton Manors Police Officers were going to do for her. She was told that the volunteers would be by early Monday (9/28/15) morning and would not only be painting her house, but would also repair her dock and take care of any other issues she may have on her property.

Lorelei was extremely gracious and was overcome with emotion. She is a single mother, who recently obtained a new job and is just trying to get back on her feet. The employees of the Wilton Manors Police Department recognize the struggles people face on a daily basis. This is why this project was so important to Sergeant Shawver and all the volunteers.