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Attention:

**Reference:** 

, Lakewood CO

Dear Property Owner,

The Lakewood Police Department Special Investigations Unit conducts and undertakes enforcement efforts relating to illegal prostitution activities. It has come to our attention that the

in the City of Lakewood may be operating a massage business in violation of municipal and state laws. Lakewood Police Department's Landlord Education Program involves proactive engagement with property owners of suspected illicit massage businesses to both inform them about possible illegal activity such as human trafficking and educate them on their rights and legal responsibilities as commercial landlords.

In December of 2021, the Lakewood Police Department received an individual complaint of possible prostitution/human trafficking occurring at this business, men waiting in their vehicles in the parking lot and then go to access the parlor past midnight. This complaint was directly from a concerned citizen who wished to remain anonymous.

RUBMAPS.COM is an online review board where individuals who pay for sexual acts can share experiences with the business and other customers, to include the details of specific sexual acts. On January 13, 2022, the Special Investigations Unit investigated multiple online reviews from customers claiming to have frequented the business on the property at the special property at the special

. These reviews range from August of 2017 through January of 2022 and have been included for your review with this letter.

The reviews include descriptions of prostitution activity occurring inside your property. As the owner of this property, we trust you will take all appropriate action to ensure that illegal activity is not occurring. We have included copies of the reviews to assist you in taking necessary steps to insure illegal activity is not occurring on your property.

Colorado Revised Statute 16-13-303(1)(a) states, "Every building or part of a building including the ground upon which it is situated and all fixtures and contents thereof, every vehicle, and any real property shall be deemed a class 1 public nuisance when used as a public or private place of prostitution or used as a place where the commission of soliciting for prostitution, pandering; keeping a place of prostitution; pimping; or human trafficking occurs." In addition to being a violation of the law, allowing such behavior to occur on your property offends the decency of the Lakewood community and affects the public health of the entire city. Colorado Revised Statute 16-13-302 also states, "It is the policy of the general assembly that every public nuisance shall be restrained, prevented, abated and perpetually enjoined."

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If such behavior continues to occur at your property, in addition to other municipal and state criminal penalties, a court of proper jurisdiction can order the business closed and prevent the building from being used.

Upon receiving this letter please contact Sgt. Ricky Ray Valdez at 303-987-7067 or email me at <u>ricval@lakewoodco.org</u>. If you would prefer, I can meet with you to discuss this matter. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Respectfully

Sergeant Ricky Ray Valdez Lakewood Police Department Special Investigations Unit

