

STAFF REPORT

City Council Presentation Agenda Item

DATE: March 2, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Mike Johnson, General Services Superintendent
Bill Dobberstein, Chief of Police

THRU: Regan M. Candelario, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Presentation of Information with regard to the residence at 436 Guido Avenue**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion only, no action requested at this time

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Since July 1, 2014 the Fortuna Police Department has responded to 113 CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) calls for service related to the owner and occupant of 436 Guido Avenue. A representative sample of these calls shows over 55 Disorderly Conduct calls, over 15 Suspicious Circumstance calls, over 25 Patrol Checks and 5 Disturbing the Peace calls. These calls resulted in 11 cases submitted to the District Attorney with a jury trial scheduled for April 13, 2015 for 6 of the cases.

Fortuna Police Department staff have made multiple contacts to the District Attorney's office, Adult Protective Services and Humboldt County Mental Health regarding issues at 436 Guido and the specific behavior of the owner/occupant. Unfortunately Protective Services and Mental Health believes the owner/occupant does not meet the criteria for a Dependent Adult case or a Mental Health hold. Staff remains in contact with these agencies to identify the role the Fortuna Police Department could facilitate to reach the threshold needed for participation by the respective agency.

The Fortuna Public Works Department has sent nuisance abatement letters to 436 Guido notifying the owner of Municipal Code violations. On July 3, 2014 a letter was sent regarding tall grass, weeds and other flammable material. The owner eventually cut down the weeds and moved the flammable materials off the front of her property. January 14, 2015 another letter was sent regarding debris, discarded household items, overgrown vegetation and lack of property maintenance. There has been no response from the owner at this time and pursuant to Fortuna Municipal Code chapter 8.16, the owner has been notified of an Administrative Hearing for Nuisance Abatement to be held on March 6, 2015 at City Hall. Crews have also worked to clean up debris in the public road way and keep the sidewalk clear. The area is monitored regularly and as time is available.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Potential costs related to nuisance abatement recoverable through a property tax lien.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

1. Receive staff presentation and review Council questions with staff
2. Open public comment
3. Close public comment
4. No action requested. Informational item only.