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## Displaced Tenants Stay In Hotel Longer

### Residents Put In Hotel After Apartment Condemned Forced To Leave Again

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**DETROIT** -- The management company of a Detroit building that was condemned this week because of faulty wiring has agreed to foot the bill for hotel rooms for nearly 100 residents for the weekend while work to restore the building's power is under way.

Earlier in the day Friday, the residents were told they had to move out of the St. Regis Hotel and into a recreation center nearby. However, after a report ran on Local 4 News and Noon, Ressco, the Southfield-based management company said it would pay for the rooms through the weekend.

The residents were moved to the St. Regis Hotel Wednesday after the Detroit fire marshal condemned the Casamira Apartments on Delaware Street late Wednesday afternoon and ordered everyone out.

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"I wish somebody would come out and help us," pleaded Casamira resident Renay Tate after Ressco informed them that they had to move Friday afternoon. "It's not fair. We've paid our rent up. They have 10 other buildings where they can place us. They have no right to force us out and into a shelter."

Since the building was condemned, the residents have not been allowed to return to their boarded up apartment building and retrieve the rest of their belongings unless there is building personnel on site.

The city posted a vacate to order notice on the front door -- citing 13 violations including restoring electricity to a safe and habitable condition.

The residents had been living in the cold since last Thursday, when a transformer blew out. Tenant Dina Ivy said the incident then sparked a dispute between the landlord and DTE.

DTE crews came to the building Tuesday afternoon and said they were working to restore the power. However, DTE said the electrical wiring inside of the building was faulty and there was little it could do until the wiring was fixed.

The apartment building's management said the failure of DTE's electrical equipment caused damage to the wiring at the building.

The residents had been using candles and their ovens for light and heat while they waited for the management company to resolve the problem.

Some residents resorted to dangling their food with ropes out of the window in an attempt to keep it from spoiling.

Ressco told Local 4 News Tuesday afternoon that the company had contacted electricians. A few hours later, electricians, with generators in hand, arrived at the apartments, but the fire marshal still deemed the building unsafe.

Tiesha Jones is one of those residents who is worried that unless the building gets heat and lights back soon, it could be a target for thieves.

"It's pitch black in the hallways. It's like you can't see if someone is coming or in the hallway. Anybody can break in there. They don't know who did it," Jones said.

According to the apartment management company, contractors are still working to restore power, but the repairs will take longer than expected because of the age of the building. The company also said the tenants will not be charged rent during the period of the power outage.

"They are trying to keep everything in their pocket. To them, we're expendable," said Casamira resident Clifford Jones.

Darren Turner with Ressco told Local 4 that the company has had three business days to restore the power since Monday was Martin Luther King Day.

Turner pointed out that it has more costly for the company to put the residents up in a hotel room and suspend their rent than get the necessary work done.

He added that the company has been unfairly portrayed as slumlords.

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Guess reality isn't your thing.

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thats all it's going to take for that holiday inn to be condemned is 90 days or less, watch!

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Hell, have you seen that building, omg, that building should'nt have been standing in the first place, and it' certainly not from old age, those tenants f---ed that building up on the inside, that building was used and mis-used, I blame managemnt for letting them tear it up like that, which proves that they only wanted to get what they could before this situation happend, and the tenants should have known that this was going to happen, they played a great part in the destruction of this compound, they should have paid there monies into escrow and been looking for another place to live, so who's at fault?

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Awaiting the follow up report on the condition of the St. Regis now...

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Bet I can guess, no copper plumbing will be left, or copper wire. The room phone will be gone along with the linens and towels. The soap and toothpaste will be all that remain.

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Don't forget the flat screens !

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LOLLL LMMFFFAAAAO! I was thinking the same thing, and majority will be taken from the tenants!

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LOL...I was going to post a similar comment but decided to watch from the sidelines.

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I was going to post too, except I know they would remove it. So here goes:

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Yeah, unfairly portrayed as "slumlords" ok, what the hell do you call it then?

Maybe since boji is always doing something for people like this, he can open his doors

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Why would he volunteer? I didn't read anything about gay men looking for shelter - Must have missed that part...

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Wasn't that was his plan, get them drunk & have his way?

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*Pontiac Chief* [1 week ago](#)

Are you kidding? Fiieger has no interest in a case like this. Not enough national publicity. A person catches hell in America if they are poor and uneducated and/or undereducated. Even during the Great Depression there were people with great sums of money. Just like now!

So, there is no shortage of money in America, just an unequal distribution.

I feel sorry for the residents who paid their rent, yet have no place to live.

It's not right, but it is profitable for certain kinds of landlords-unfortunately.

This sort of problem falls under the jurisdiction of city gov and or atty general, but it would help if some well know people would speak UP.

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Unequal distribution? The distribution is very equal. I work all week and I get some money for working hard and the rest gos to the people who don't want to work. Now that I think about it, it's not equal. When is someone going to give me money for doing nothing but sucking society dry. I think you get my point.

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I propose a swap...send all the tenants to Texas to live in Kwame's house and move Kwame back to live in the condemned apartments.

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The individual who owns this building and/or the C.E.O. of the stated management company need to be brought up on charges.....absolutely ridiculous.....someone has been getting rich operating this slum building...

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The owner's have red necks. What do you expect.

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Be serious now. Ain't no way in H E double toof picks a redneck is owning a building that isn't a single-wide, double-wide, shed or pole building. It was owned by George Jefferson properties.

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lol, good point

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Wow!! How about Haiti donate some of their money to Detroit! No just kidding but that is pretty bold business to do the residents like this. I would find somewhere else to stay and in the meantime, burn that building down.

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