



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 18, 2022
TO: Tracy City Council via Sekou Millington, Chief of Police
FROM: Ana Contreras, Community Preservation Manager
Brett Hicks, Police Sergeant SIU
SUBJECT: Motel 6 Response Plan

During the regular City Council Meeting on July 5, 2022, Council Member Davis asked during Council Items, “Are there any steps we are taking to address some of the issues that happened at that motel” referring to Motel 6. This memo highlights a more recent case occurring at Motel 6 which has been a consistent pattern of violations over the past few years at Motel 6. Code Enforcement had a previously prepared plan of action to address the variety of violations occurring at Motel 6.

On June 20, 2022, Tracy Police Department Officers investigated an attempted murder that occurred at El Pescadero Park. A male victim was shot by the suspect, who fled the scene and was not apprehended. The General Investigations Unit Detectives identified the suspect and requested the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) assist in apprehending the individual. Detectives from SIU had previously received tips of illegal activity taking place at Motel 6 and were actively conducting an investigation. Through this investigation, Detectives learned the suspect was living at Motel 6 with his mother, who was also the motel manager.

On June 21, 2022, SIU Detectives located the suspect at Motel 6 and conducted surveillance. Detectives from GIU obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect, as well as a search warrant for Motel 6 for evidence related to the attempted murder. The suspect was taken into custody by SIU and the search warrant was served. During the search, a large amount of controlled substances were located, along with multiple firearms. Numerous building code violations were observed and Code Enforcement was requested to respond. Code Enforcement discovered two of the hotel rooms were converted into living quarters. The unpermitted work includes doorways cut out to serve as access to adjacent rooms, installation of kitchens, excessive use of extension cords as permanent wiring and tub conversions to shower stalls.

Following the search warrant, Motel 6 Corporate was contacted and advised of the issues at the motel. With the cooperation of corporate Motel 6 staff and the new motel manager (the former manager quit shortly after her son was taken into custody), Code Enforcement and the City’s Building Safety Division are coordinating inspections of all 133 motel rooms for fire and building code violations as well as violations of the initial development conditions imposed at the time the motel was developed. These issues include, but are not limited to, handicap parking spaces, landscaping requirements, enclosed garbage dumpster locations, and similar type of requirements. The inspections are slated to occur the first week in August 2022.