CT DUMPING REMEDIES: PUBLIC HEALTH, HOUSING AND BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT

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OCSA HOUSING MATTERS

- It is the overall policy goal of the OCSA Housing unit to protect the people of CT by gaining compliance with our public health and safety laws.
- Housing prosecutors are committed to the maintenance of decent, safe and sanitary housing; handling housing matters through all stages of criminal procedure.
- Housing unit prosecutors provide routine law enforcement training and direction to fire marshals, building officials, health officials and other public safety officials.
- Housing prosecutors are certified police instructors on Connecticut landlord/tenant law and criminal disputes.

DUMPING CASES OUTSIDE CGS Title 22a...

- Dumping cases under other CT laws include:
 - ◆ CT Public Health Code
 - Public health nuisance
 - ◆ State and Municipal Housing statutes
 - Failure to maintain exterior
 - Municipal Blight ordinances
 - ◆ Failure to maintain exterior

HEALTH CODE:

- Failure to Comply with Orders from the Director of Health to correct violation of the CT Public Health Code or health statutes.
 - ◆ CGS 19a-206
- May be applicable when dumping constitutes a public nuisance.
- Order may go to occupant or owner.

HOUSING CODES AND BLIGHT ORDINANCES:

- Not maintaining property
 - ◆ CGS 47a-50 et. seq. for rented property
 - ◆ CGS 7-148 for municipal ordinances
- Blight issues
 - \bullet CGS 7-148(c)(7)(H)(xv)
 - **NEW** Criminal provision CGS 7-1480
 - Adopt both through local ordinance

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