

# STATE AFFIDAVIT

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Case Number

23-140

State of Ohio  
Van Wert County

Van Wert Municipal Court  
Van Wert, Ohio

Before me, Megan L. Ryan, Clerk of the Van Wert Municipal Court in and for the county of Van Wert, Ohio, Personally came Lt. S.R. Boroff who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that on or about the 22nd day of October, A. D., 2023, at the County of Van Wert, aforesaid one Stephen Joseph Jared, DOB/11/13/1964, LKA/ 233 Burt St. Van Wert, OH 45891.

Did knowingly by any means, cause, or create a substantial risk of physical harm to two JBL outdoor speakers, the property of Main Street Van Wert Inc. without his/her consent; to wit: By climbing the Van Wert City streetlight pole and pulling the wires from the speakers causing them to be unusable.

Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the dignity of the State of Ohio.

ORC Section 2909.06(A)(1)

Degree: Misdemeanor Second Degree

Signed



Sworn to before me and subscribed before me this 31 day of October, 2023.

Megan L. Ryan  
Clerk of said Municipal Court

By



## STATE WARRANT

State of Ohio  
Van Wert County

Van Wert Municipal Court  
Van Wert, Ohio

To the arresting officer, GREETING:

WHEREAS, there has been filed before me an affidavit, the original of which is herewith attached and by reference made a part of the warrant;

THESE THEREFORE are to command you to take the said Stephen Joseph Jared if he be found in your county, or if he shall have fled, that you pursue him into any other County within the State, and that you take and safely keep, so that you have his body forthwith before me, or some other Magistrate having competent jurisdiction to answer said complaint, and be further dealt with according law

Given under my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Megan L. Ryan  
Clerk of said Municipal Court

Court Date: 11/13/23 @ 1:00

By



Douglas J. Weigle, Chief of Police  
Van Wert Police Department  
515 East Main Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891-0467

Case 23-00140

Printed on November 9, 2023

Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Steven Boroff
Investigator	None
Records Technician	
Reported At	10/25/23 13:20
Incident Date	10/23/23 20:00 - 10/24/23 10:00
Incident Code	CRIM DAM : Criminal Damaging
Location	136 E MAIN ST, VAN WERT, OH 45891 (MAIN STREET VAN WERT)
Zone	City of Van Wert
Court	None
Ereferral County	None
Summary Of Incident	
Disposition	Closed - Charges Filed
Disposition Date/Time	11/09/23 00:15
Review for Gang Activity	Not Applicable

#### Arrestee

##### JARED, STEPHEN JOSEPH

Male, DOB 11/13/64

233 BURT ST  
VAN WERT, OH 45891

(567) 259-3038 Home  
(419) 513-1897 Cell

2909.06A1 - Criminal Damaging/Endangering \_  
knowingly any means

#### Complainant

##### PRICE, MITCHELL D

Male, DOB 5/26/81

1025 INDIAN HILL DR  
VAN WERT, OH 45891

(419) 238-0230 Home  
(419) 203-0704 Cell  
(419) 238-0443 Work

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knowingly any means

#### Offender

##### JARED, STEPHEN JOSEPH

Male, DOB 11/13/64

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#### Suspect



**JARED, STEPHEN JOSEPH**

Male, DOB 11/13/64

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VAN WERT, OH 45891(567) 259-3038 Home  
(419) 513-1897 Cell**Victim**

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**MAIN STREET VAN WERT**136 E MAIN ST  
VAN WERT, OH 45891  
(419) 238-6911 Business2909.06A1 - Criminal Damaging/Endangering \_  
knowingly any means**Initial Report Narrative By Steven Boroff, 10/27/23 10:42**

On the advised date and time I was assigned to Main Street Van Wert Inc. due to a criminal damaging incident. When I arrived I was met by Mitchell Price who is the director of the agency. Price advised that during the Van Wert City Council meeting on Monday the 23rd. of October a citizen of Van Wert, identified as Stephen Joe Jared had complained about the volume of the music coming from speakers positioned on a city light pole located on Main St. One of the poles with speakers is outside the front of Jared's building located at 113 W. Main St.

During the council meeting I was informed by Price that Jared made a comment along the lines of "I'll take matters into my own hands" in regards to the speaker volume. Price then said the next morning the speakers found in front of Jared's building stopped working. This is when the Van Wert City Engineers inspected the speakers and found that the wires had been forcibly pulled from the back of the speakers. The speakers were then removed and returned to Price. I was shown the speaker and it did appear that the wires had been pulled from the rear of the speakers resulting in them no longer working. Photographs were taken of the damaged speakers and have been entered into this report.

The speakers were two, black in color JBL Professional outdoor speakers, model 25-1L which Price estimated to be valued at \$1200 to \$1500 each.

After speaking to Price I went to 113 W. Main St. and took several photographs of the light pole in front of Jared's building. I also attempted to make contact with Jared there and was unsuccessful. I then made contact with court security at both the Van Wert Common Pleas Court and Municipal Court in an attempt to locate video footage of the area utilizing their court security cameras but the location in question was not viewable from their camera angles. The same was found when checking the camera view from the Van Wert County prosecutor's office which is across the street from Jared's building.

This incident is under investigation.

**Supplement Narrative By Steven Boroff, 10/27/23 11:37****Contact with Jay Flemming**

On 10/27/2023 I contacted the Van Wert Safety Service Director, Jay Flemming regarding the video of the City Council meeting on the 23rd. I was advised that from what Flemming had been told he believed that Jared had stated in the recorded meeting that he had disconnected the speakers already. The recording of the meeting will be reviewed for further regarding Jared's statements.

**Supplement Narrative By Steven Boroff, 10/31/23 10:38****Contact with Jared**

On 10/31/2023 I made contact with Jared by telephone from my office at the station at approximately 0949 hrs. I advised Jared what the call was about and if he would be willing to come to the station to speak to me. Jared then immediately started telling me how he had made several complaints regarding the loud music and had even stated in a council meeting that he was going to disconnect the speakers. He then advised that on Sunday before the council meeting that he had climbed the light pole and removed the wires from the speakers and told the city at the meeting

that the speakers could be removed. The phone conversation took place on a recorded line and the recording will be attached to this report.

### **Supplement Narrative By Steven Boroff, 11/08/23 12:57**

#### **Facts of Arrest**

On 11/8/2023 I made contact with Jared at his home located at 233 Burt St. and he was given a copy of the affidavit for criminal damaging. This was due to Main Street Van Wert Inc. advising that Jared had removed wires from speakers mounted on City street lights in the 100 Blk. of W. Main St. which caused them to become damaged. I spoke to Jared about this and he advised that he had climbed the streetlight pole and pulled the wires out of the speaker due to the music being too loud outside of his building. It should also be noted that his court date and time was advised to him as well as being written on the affidavit.

### **Supplement Narrative By Steven Boroff, 11/08/23 13:07**

#### **Victim notified**

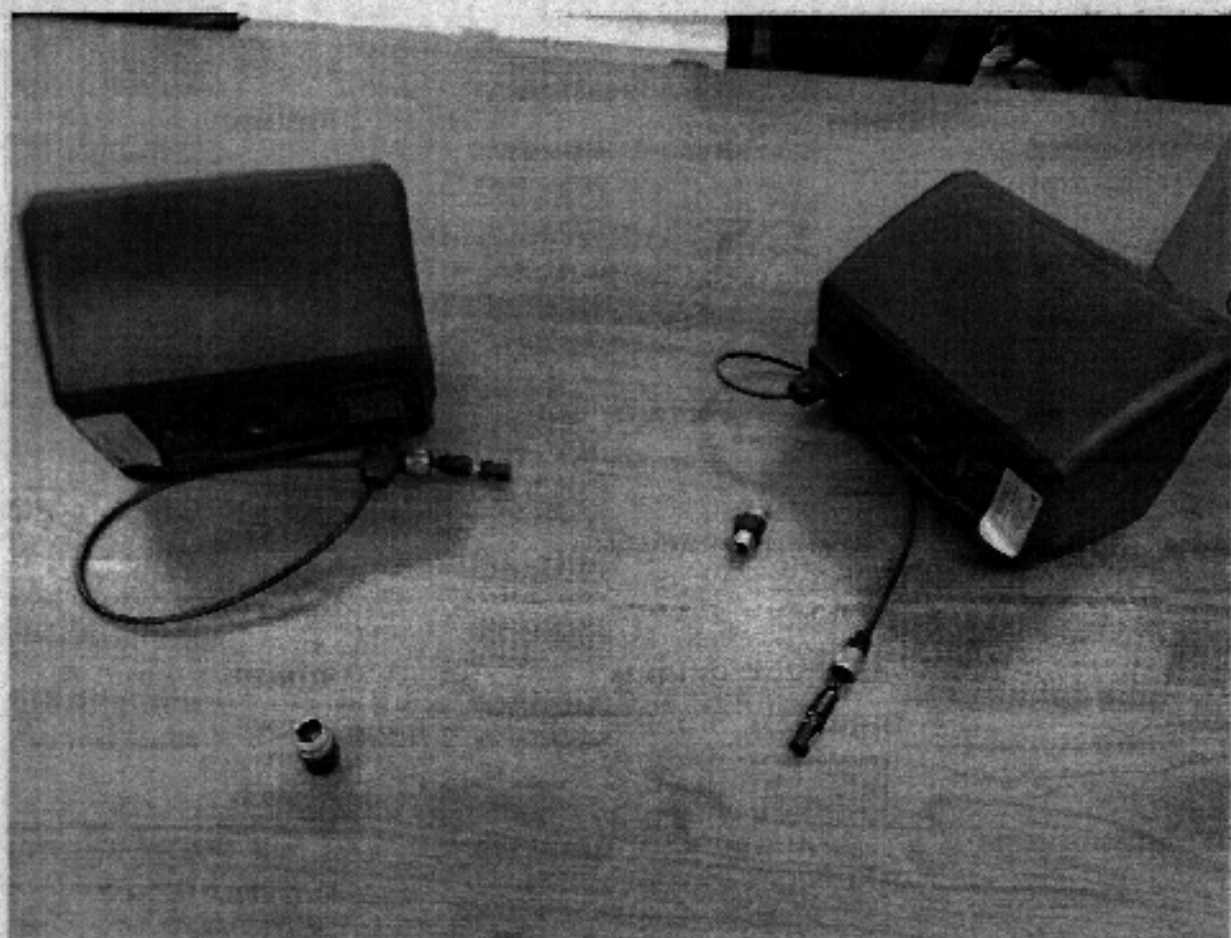
On 11/8/2023 I stopped at the Main Street Van Wert Inc. building and they were advised of Jared's charges as well as his court date and time.

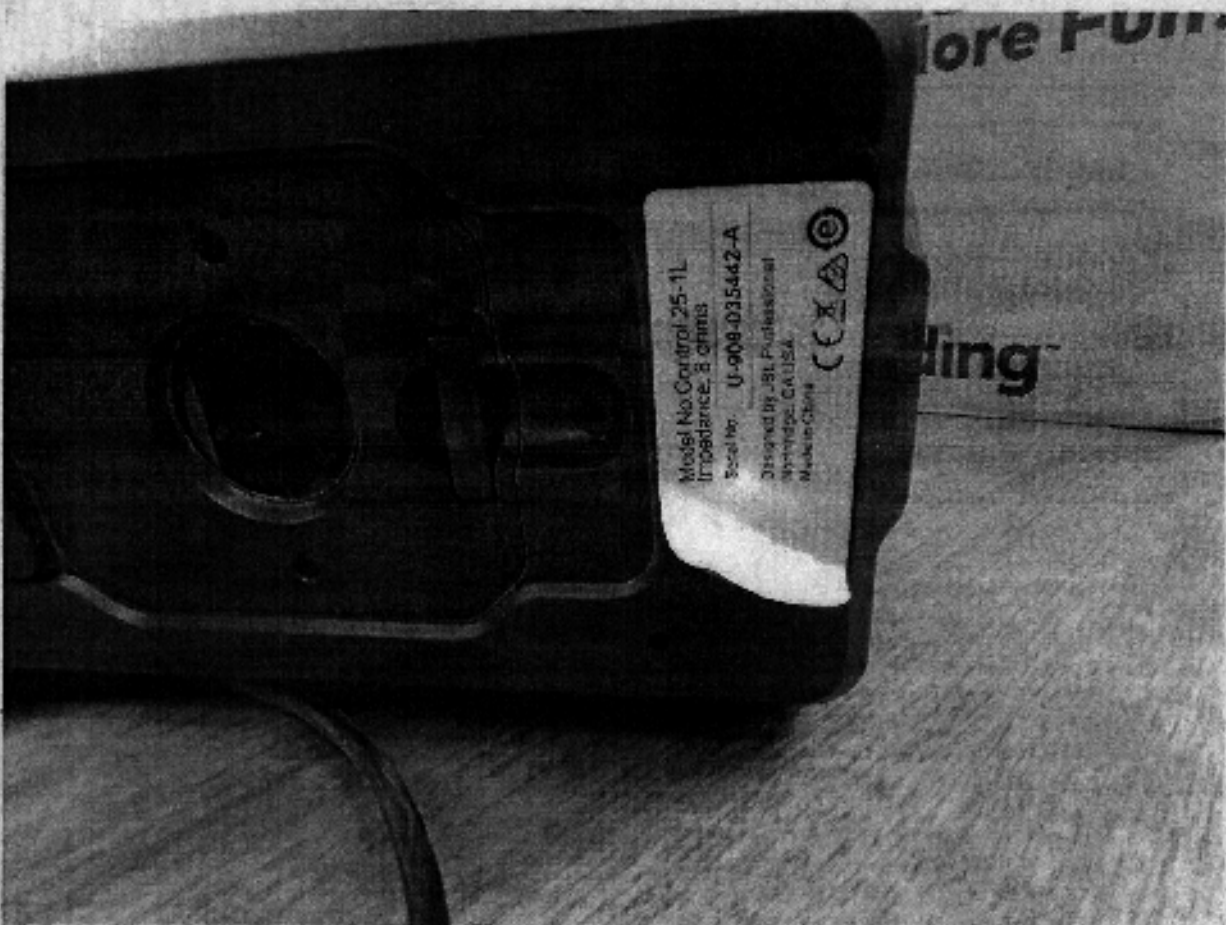
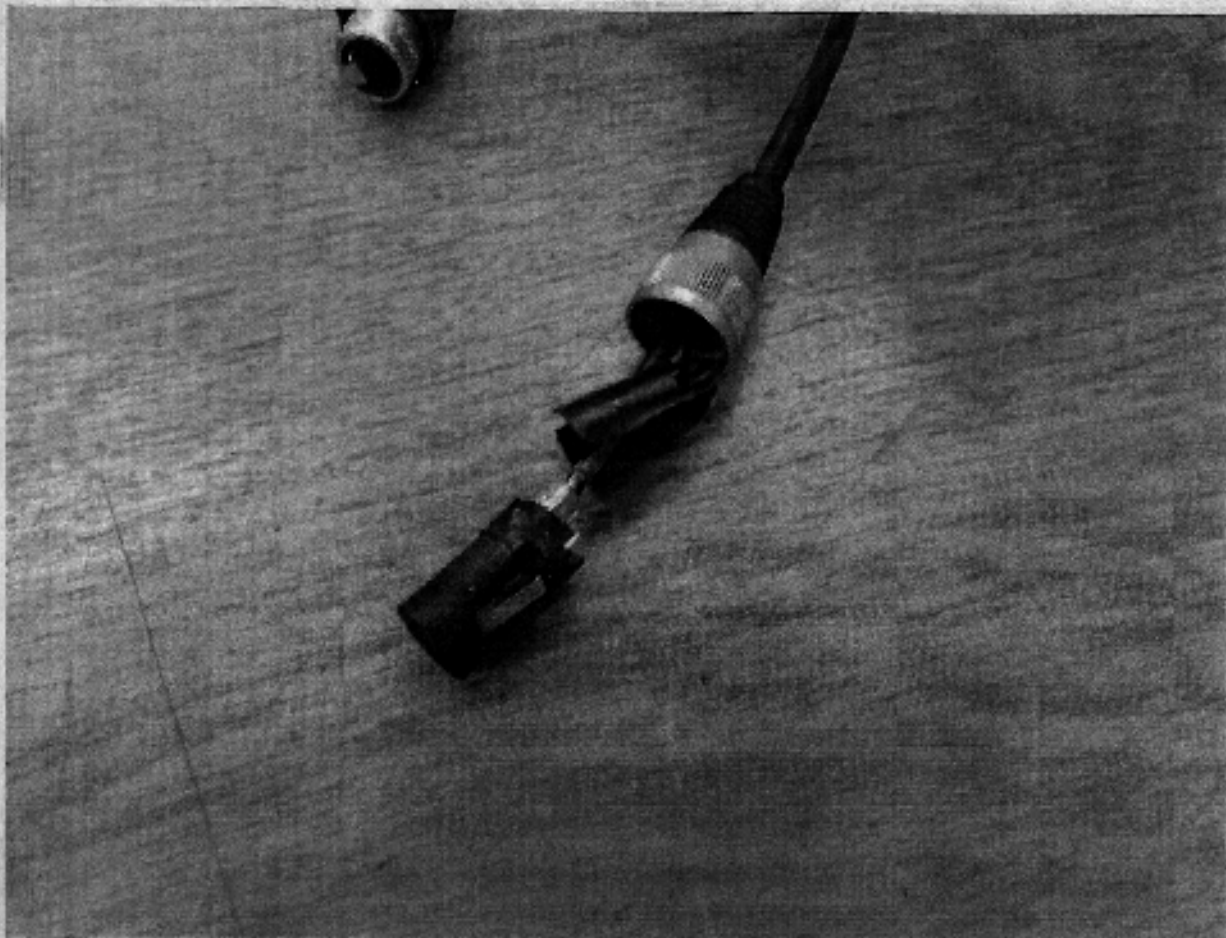






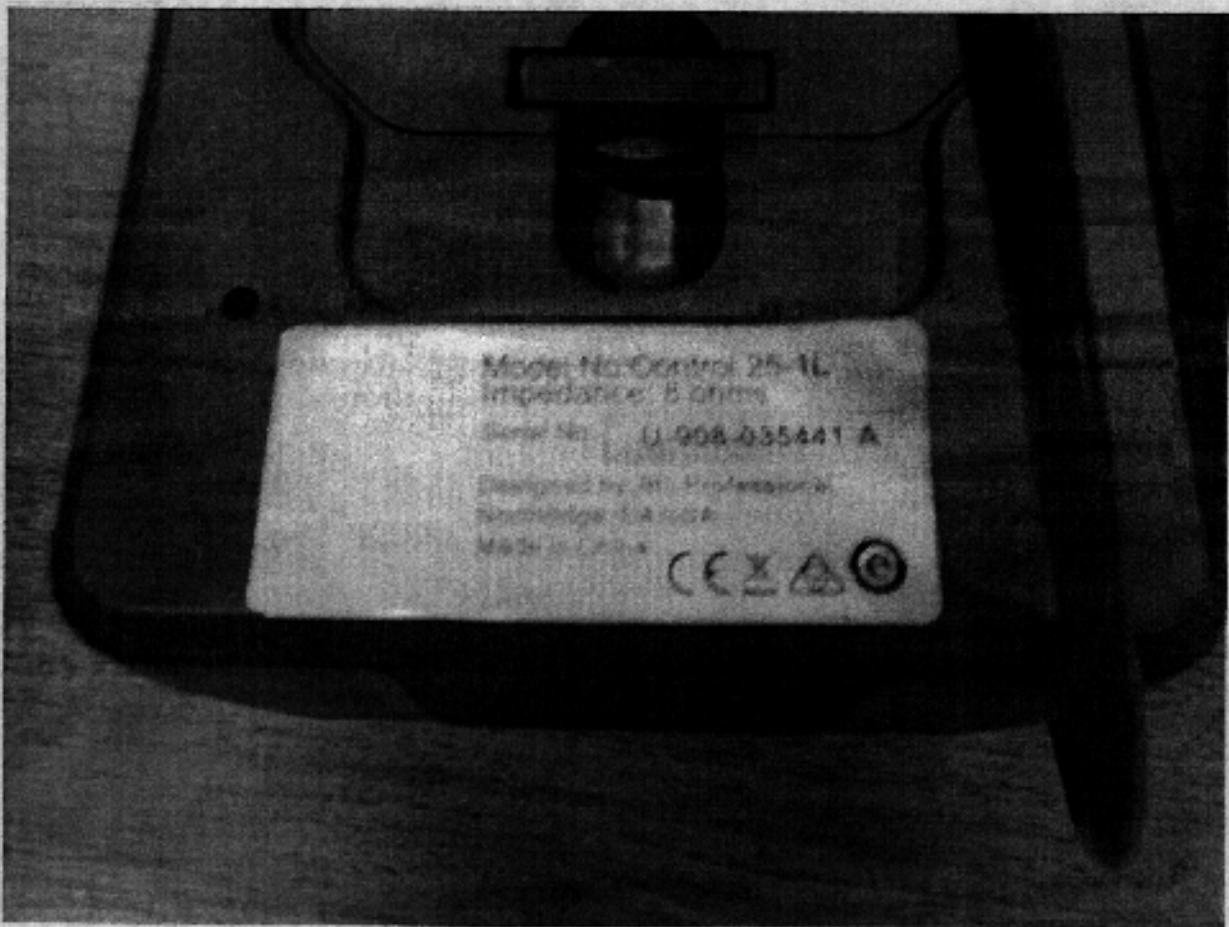
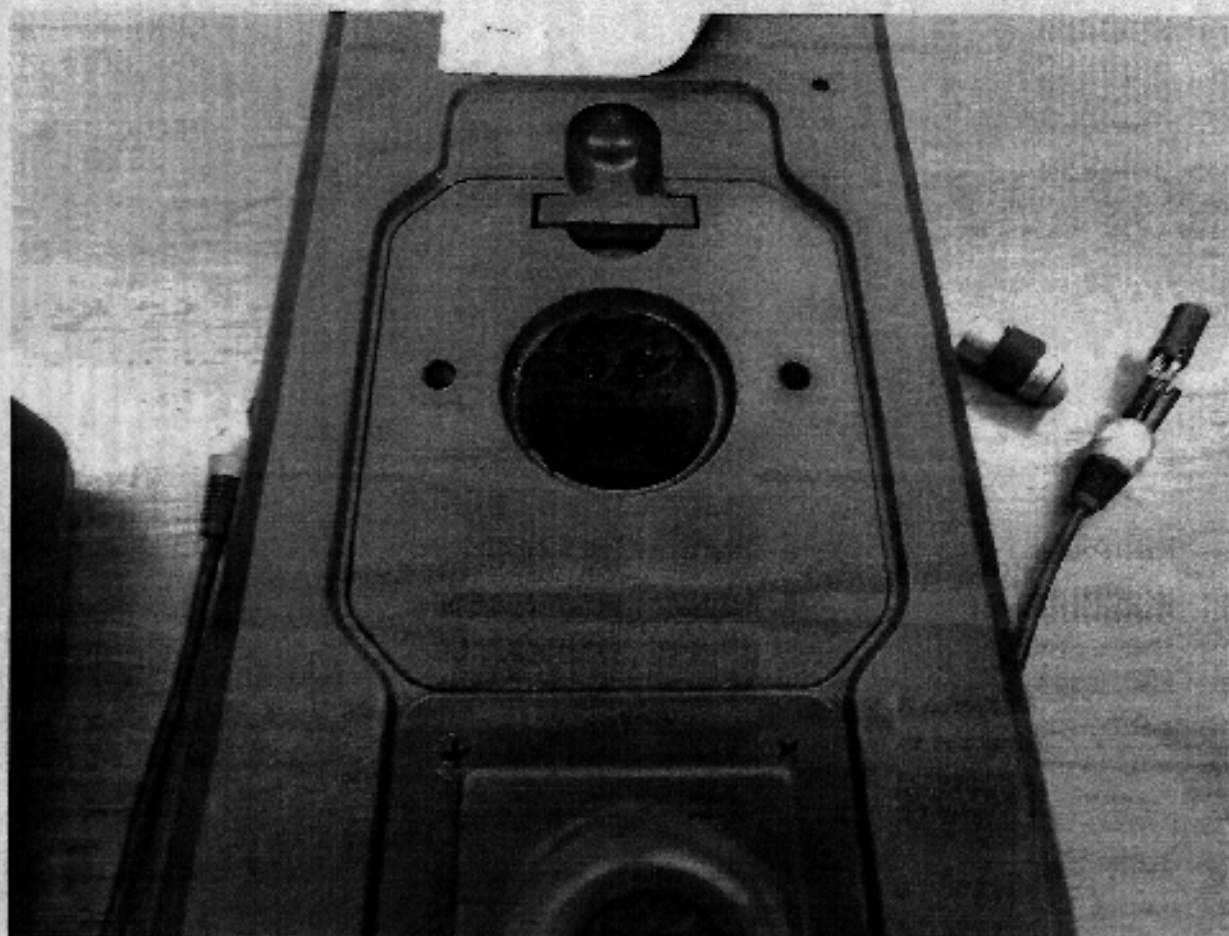




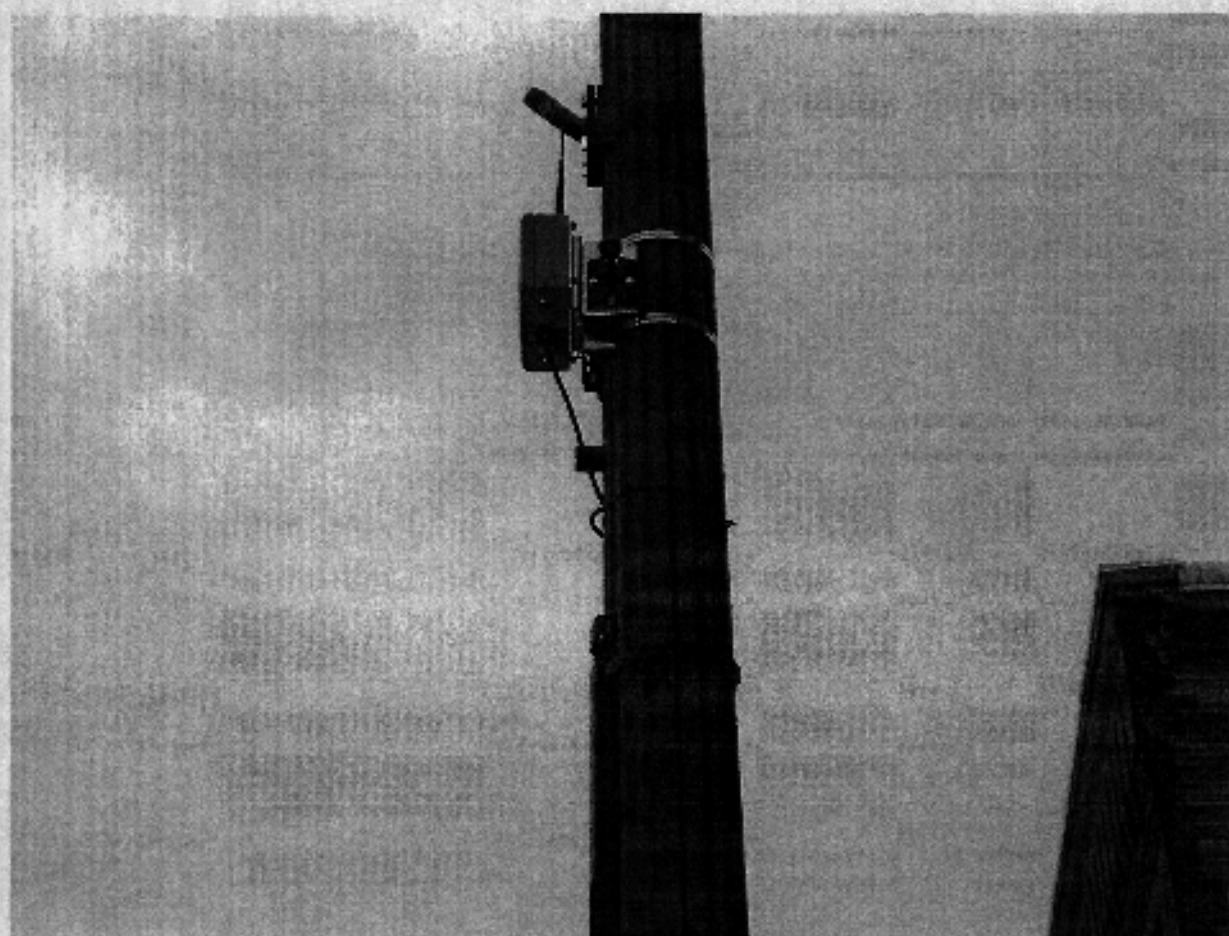


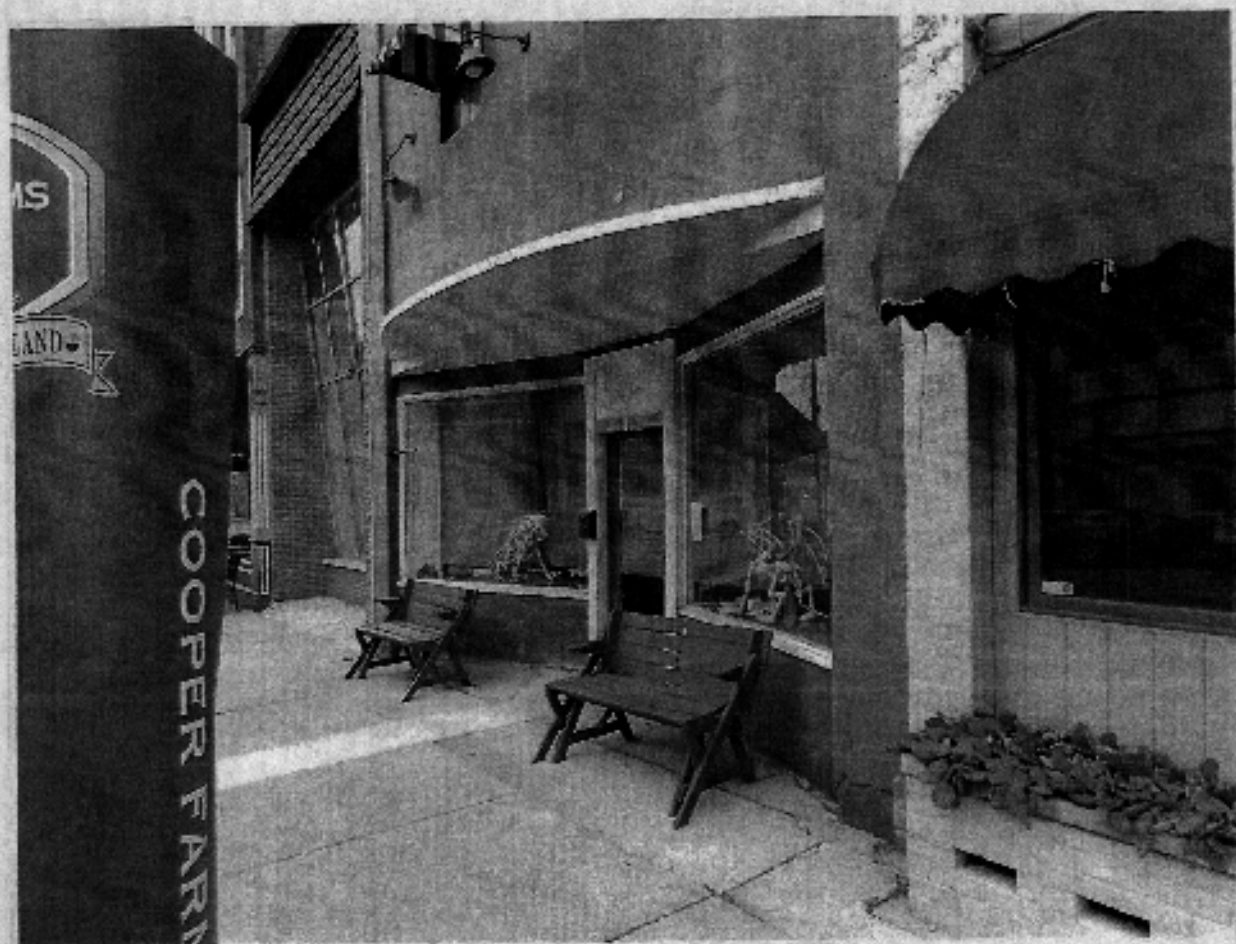
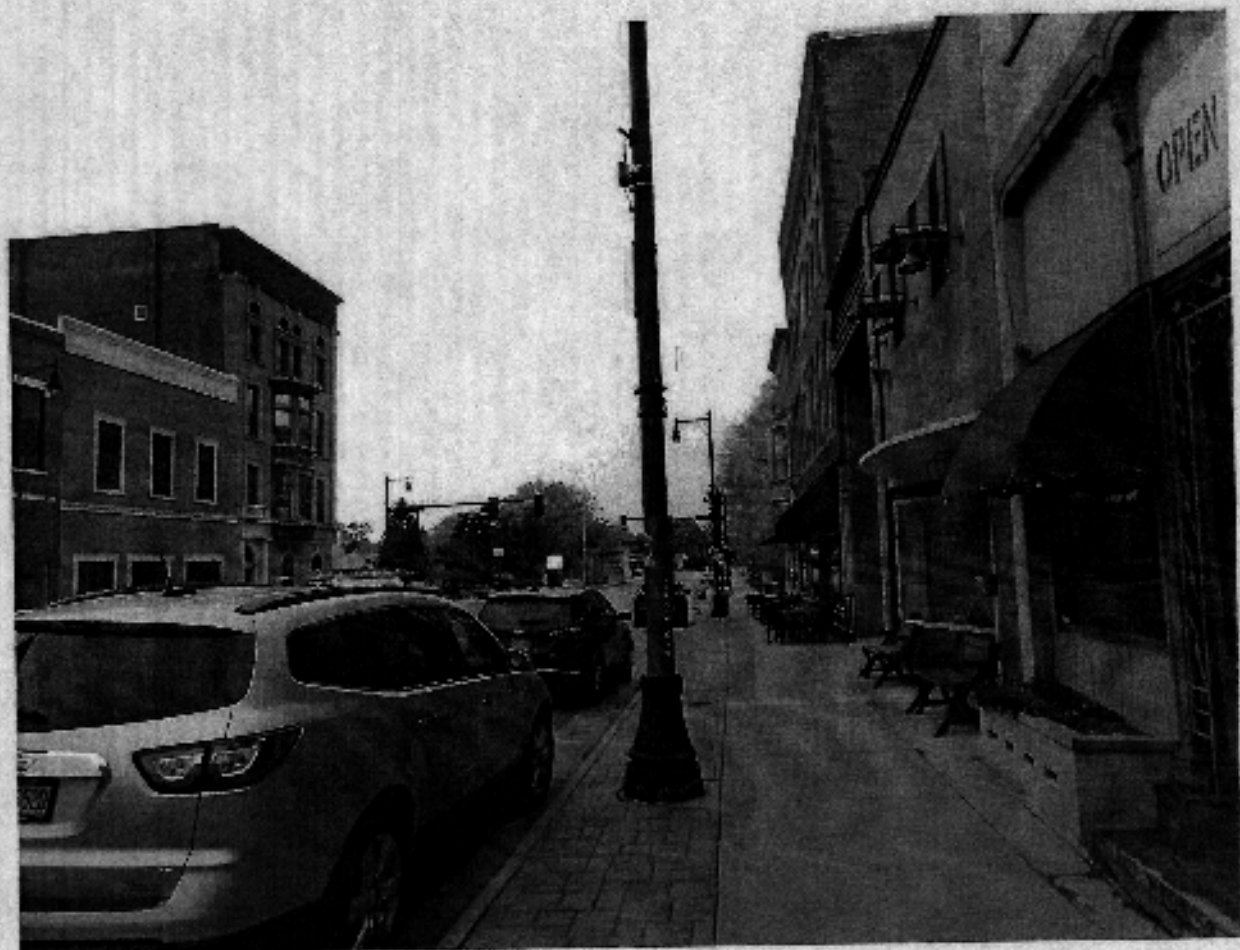




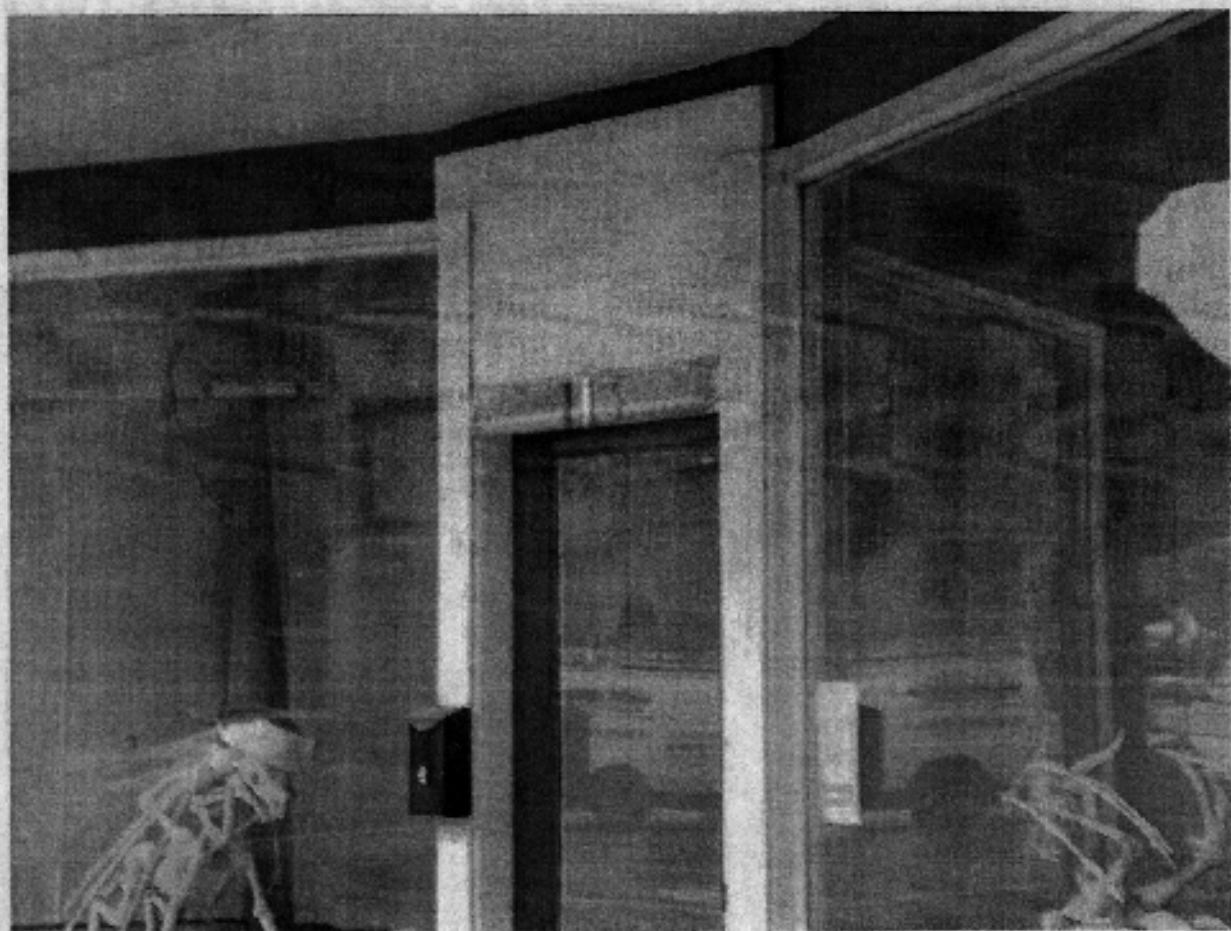


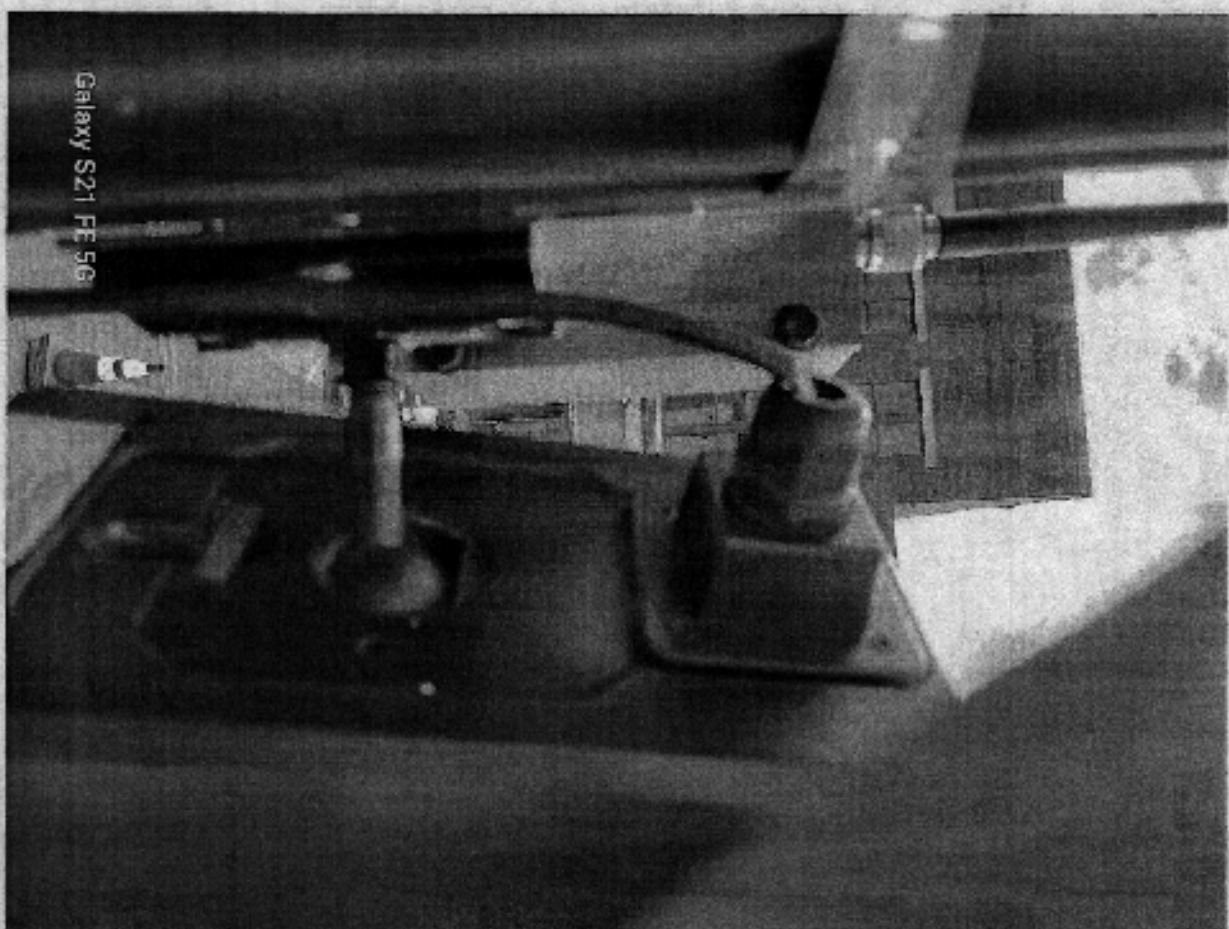
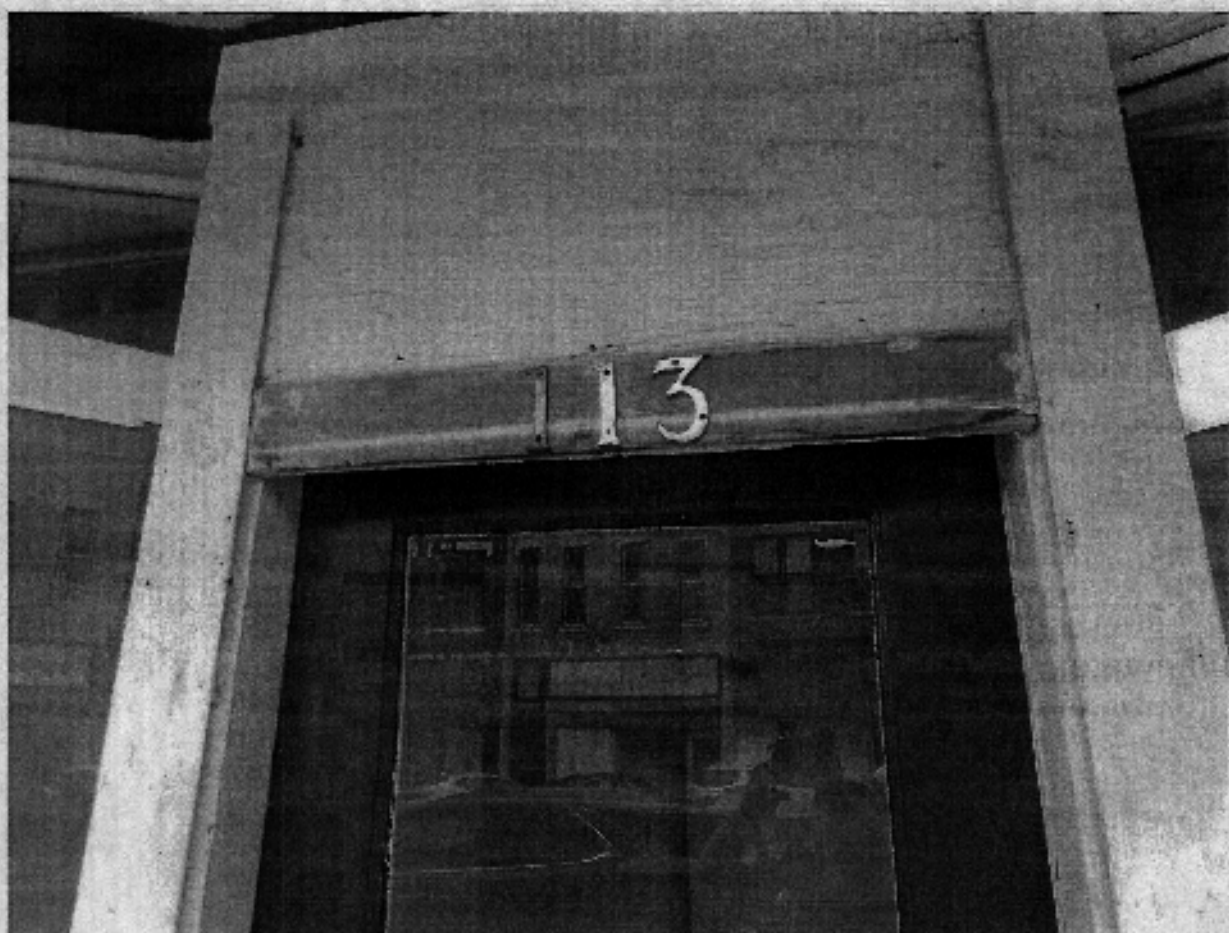












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