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**FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34954**  
**772-467-3188; FAX: 772-467-3849**

February 22, 2016

Sent via: CERTIFIED LETTER & 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS MAIL

Mr. Gregory M. Barnes  
Garage Door Service & Repair  
of the Treasure Coast, Inc.  
7652 Fieldstone Ranch Square  
Vero Beach, FL 32967

**Re: 1206 Avenue D**

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This pertains to the complaint submitted to the City of Fort Pierce against you, as a contractor, in the above-referenced case and provides you with notice of the hearing that has been schedule on such complaint.

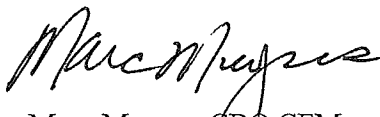
After reviewing such complaint and your response, the Director of Building & Code Enforcement and the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of Contractors have found **probable cause** and have referred such complaint to the Board for hearing which is scheduled for **9:00 A.M. March 8, 2016, in the City Commission Chambers on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of City Hall.**

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure for Disciplinary Matters for the Board, enclosed is the Notice of Alleged Charges form listing the specific charges against you, together with copies of documents related thereto which are being sent to the Board.

The Respondent may be represented by counsel at the hearing, may present relevant evidence, and will be given an opportunity to cross examine witnesses. A copy of the Rules of Procedure for Disciplinary Matters for the Fort Pierce Board of Examiners of Contractors may be obtained upon request from the Department of Building & Code Enforcement.

If you have any further questions, please call my Assistant at (772) 467-3188.

Sincerely,

  
Marc Meyers, CBO CFM  
Building Official

MM/km  
Attachments

cc: Board Chairman - Don Bergman; Board Attorney - Steve McCain; Contractor's License File; Complainant

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**CONTRACTOR COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION**

Date: 2/2/2016

Property Address: 1206 Avenue D

**Background:**

On January 26, 2016, we received a complaint from Marie Joseph that the façade of the building was damaged by the awning. Ms. Joseph attached a copy of her civil complaint filed with the clerk of court alleging that Mr. Barnes is taking advantage of the language barrier. She also advised that the reason she wanted the awning was to keep water from going into the building but that the awning doesn't cover the door. She has also complained about the difficulty of opening the awning.

Marc Meyers, Paul Thomas and I have since visited the site and observed the damage to the building.

On January 27, 2016 Mr. Barnes sent an email advising in part that he observed the block has slid out approximately ½ inch, that he has concern regarding this issue, that he carries insurance for these issues and that he would need Ms. Joseph's permission to proceed with repairs.

On January 27, 2016 Mr. Barnes was informed that the repairs would need to be made by a properly licensed contractor, that a permit would be required and that signed sealed drawings may also need to be submitted.

On February 1, 2016 Mr. Barnes responded to the notice of complaint that Ms. Joseph admitted to negligent behavior voiding the warranty. Mr. Barnes notes that Ms. Joseph is asking for a monetary remedy for a problem he did not create.

**Findings:**

1. Investigator Coss has determined that Garage Door Service & Repair has installed retractable awnings without a permit. Since a permit was not obtained, an inspection was not conducted post installation.
2. To clarify, on the complaint form, Ms. Joseph has asked for a reprimand. In his response, Mr. Barnes has referred to the civil penalty which she is pursuing in a civil case. Her civil complaint was attached to the complaint form that was submitted which may be the cause for his confusion.
3. Staff cannot determine whether the damage to the building was caused by the installation of the awning, or if use of the awning has caused the damage on a 51 year old structure. None-

theless, the damage has occurred post installation and most likely would not have occurred if the awning wasn't installed.

Investigator's recommendation for a hearing:

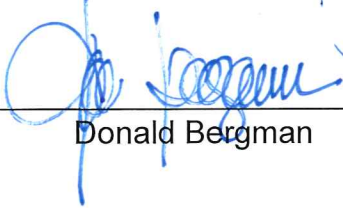
Yes       No

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_  
Shaun Coss

Building Official:       Agree       Disagree

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_  
Marc Meyers

Board Chairman:       Agree       Disagree

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald Bergman



**Complaint 1206 Ave D <Watchdog: Virus checked>**

**Greg Barnes** to: Shaun Coss

02/01/2016 04:41 PM

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History: This message has been replied to.

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By her own admission in her letter, she has used the awning to hang things on (sturdy) and in the rain. These are things that void any warrantee she may have. The load of water build up is what has caused the damage to the wall. This is negligence on her part and is covered in her warranty. Never, ever have I or Sunsetter expressed any warranty for wind or water or sturdiness to hang anything on. Her concern with an awning was purely for shade. A warrantee for negligence as it pertains to the awning is available but she declined to pay the 160.00 per awning that it would cost.

Furthermore, this would be a civil case as she is asking you to enforce a monitory penalty for a problem we did not create.

Greg Barnes

Sent from my iPhone



Re: Message from "2902PRT01" <Watchdog: Virus checked>  
Greg Barnes  
to:  
Shaun Coss  
01/28/2016 08:40 AM  
Hide Details  
From: Greg Barnes <garagedoorsoftc@yahoo.com>  
To: Shaun Coss <SCoss@city-ftpierce.com>

To replace one cinder block? That's crazy.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 28, 2016, at 7:59 AM, Shaun Coss <[SCoss@city-ftpierce.com](mailto:SCoss@city-ftpierce.com)> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Barnes,

Yes a permit will be required and I believe Mr. Meyers will also require submittal of signed and sealed drawings by a design professional as well.

Best regards,

Shaun Coss  
CLOATC Chairman  
Building Department Investigator  
City of Fort Pierce, Florida  
Office: (772)467-3151  
Fax: (772)468-0457  
E-mail: [scoss@city-ftpierce.com](mailto:scoss@city-ftpierce.com)

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To: Shaun Coss <[SCoss@city-ftpierce.com](mailto:SCoss@city-ftpierce.com)>  
Date: 01/27/2016 04:09 PM  
Subject: Re: Message from "2902PRT01" <Watchdog: Virus checked>

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Will a permit be required to replace the block?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 27, 2016, at 3:07 PM, Shaun Coss <[SCoss@city-ftpierce.com](mailto:SCoss@city-ftpierce.com)> wrote:

Mr. Barnes,

The repairs will need to be made by a licensed general contractor. You could try to speak with her directly, she is aware of the issue and has been issued a notice by the City that repairs must be made.

Best regards,

Shaun Coss  
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To: Shaun Coss <[SCoss@city-ftpierce.com](mailto:SCoss@city-ftpierce.com)>  
Date: 01/27/2016 02:51 PM  
Subject: Re: Message from "2902PRT01" <Watchdog: Virus checked>

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I am at the location now and it appears one block has slid out approximately 1/2 inch. Please note my concern for the issue and timely response . As you know we carry insurance for these issues. I would need Mrs. Joseph's permission to proceed with any repairs but as she has filed a complaint rather than calling me to warrantee the problem I am not sure how to proceed.

Greg Barnes

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 27, 2016, at 2:01 PM, Shaun Coss <[SCoss@city-ftpierce.com](mailto:SCoss@city-ftpierce.com)> wrote:

Mr. Barnes,

Just got your other message, I noticed earlier when I drove by that it was closed.

Best regards,

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On Jan 27, 2016, at 1:56 PM, Shaun Coss <[SCoss@city-ftpierce.com](mailto:SCoss@city-ftpierce.com)> wrote:

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Please see the attached photos.

Best regards,

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My awning brackets are not even close to that crack

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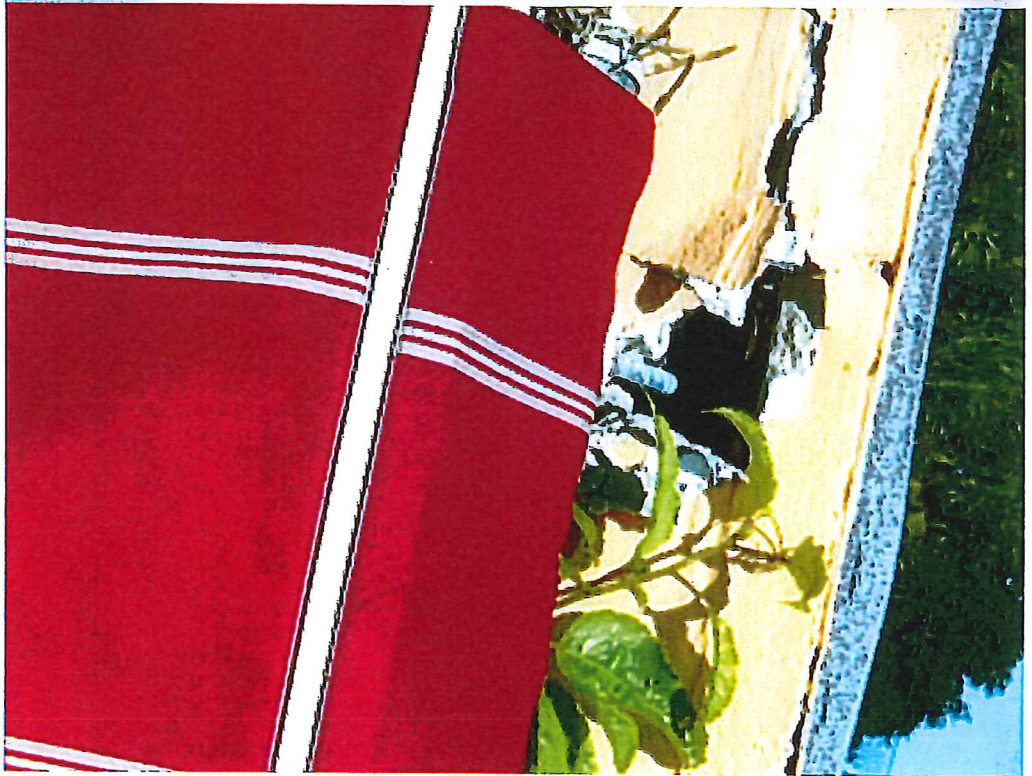
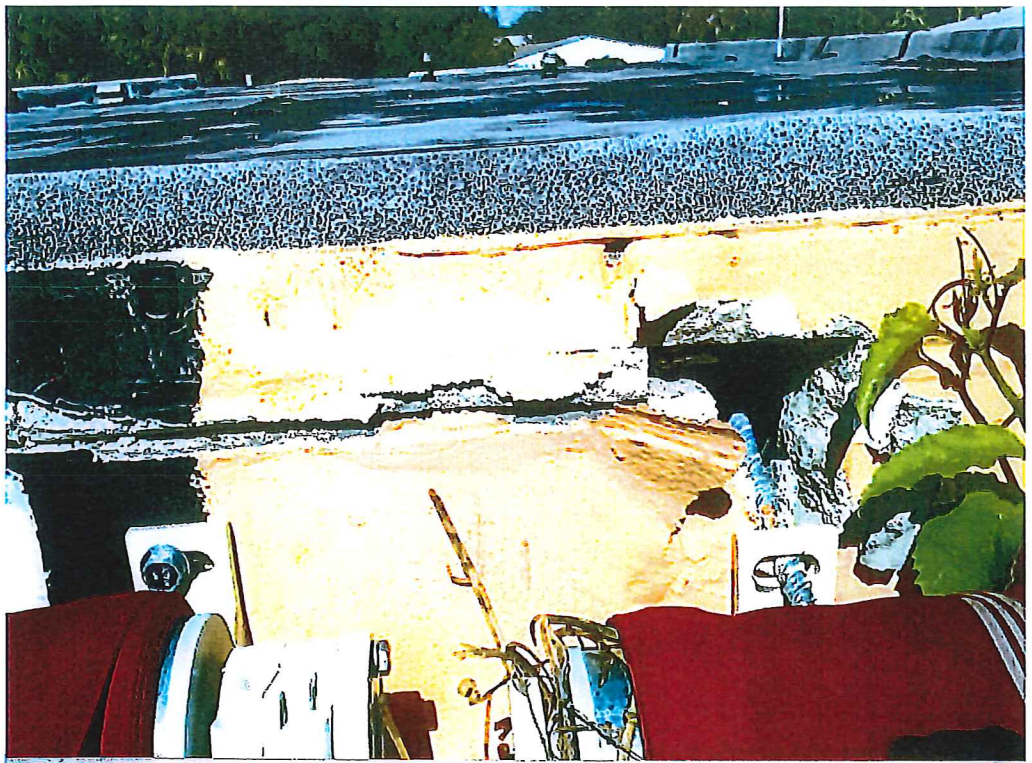
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Garage Door Service & Repair  
of the Treasure Coast, Inc.  
7652 Fieldstone Ranch Square  
Vero Beach, FL 32967

**Re: 1206 Avenue D**

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This letter is to inform you that a complaint has been filed with the City of Fort Pierce against you, as the holder of a Contractor's Certificate of Competency, and/or as a contractor certified by the State of Florida. Attached is a copy of the complaint affidavit that has been filed with the Building Department.

You may submit to the Director of Building and Code Enforcement a written response to this complaint within 15 days of the date of this letter. Per Section 5-51 of the City of Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances, the Director of Building & Code Enforcement and the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of Contractors shall review the complaint for probable cause.

**If no probable cause is found**, the complaint shall be denied and will not be referred to the Board of Examiners of Contractors. A copy of the complaint and the findings will be placed in your contractor's license file. The complainant shall have no right of appeal.

**Where probable cause is found**, the complaint shall be referred to the Board for a hearing. You will be sent a Notice of Alleged Charges and notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

If you have any further questions, please call my Assistant at (772) 467-3188.

Sincerely,

  
Marc Meyers  
Building Official

MM/km  
Attachment

cc: Board Chairman - Don Bergman; Board Attorney - Steve McCain; **Contractor's License File**; Complainant

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## CONTRACTOR COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

PERSON OR COMPANY COMPLAINT IS AGAINST: Gregory Barnes  
ADDRESS OF THE COMPLAINT: 1206 AVE D. Ft Pierce FL 34950

MADE BY: (Mr. /Mrs. /Ms.) Marie Joseph  
Address: 301 N 19th Street  
City: Fort Pierce, FL 34950  
Home Phone: 772 940 9860 Work/Cell Phone: 772 940 4607

BEFORE ME, the above signed authority, this day personally appeared to file a complaint against:  
Name of Person and/or Company: Gregory Barnes Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

IN DETAIL, clearly state your complaint below: (Please include any contracts, bills, cancelled checks, correspondences, etc.)  
Building facade was damaged! see attachment

I have paid \$ 9,000 to: Gregory Barnes  
By check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ other cash  
Type of action being requested of the Board. (Note: If seeking a refund, this would be a civil matter.)  
repayment repimud

[Signature]  
Signature

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this 26 day of Jan, 20 16  
[Signature]  
Notary Signature



5 January 2016

Plaintiff: Marie Joseph

301 N 19<sup>th</sup> street

Fort Piece, FL 34982

772-940-9360

To whom it may concern:

On 1206 Ave D, Fort Pierce, FL 34950 a retractable awning was installed by Mr. Gregory Barnes. During installation of the awning, city code enforcement told Mr. Gregory to cease work. However, Gregory ignore the City Code Enforcer (Shawn Cox) and continue to install the other awning. I inform Mr. Gregory that the awning should not have been installed due to the fact the City Code Enforcer have put a Stop Work Order. The awning was not well put up due the fact that it has being to break the façade of the building. I explained to Mr. Gregory that I need something that will block both rain and had to be sturdy. When it rains, water continue to come in to my store and make it a hazard for customer to shop. The awning that Mr. Gregory installed does not this at all. I have told Mr. Gregory numerous of time that is not what I asked for and he continue to ignore me. There is a language barrier due to the fact that speak Creole. I'm certain that Mr. Gregory had taken advantage of this because what I asked for and Mr. Gregory knowingly that his awning will not rain from coming into my store. Furthermore, I did not know that this awning would have been so difficult to open. It is a hand crank, and some case I had to pay to have someone to crank it open and close. I'm requesting a payback of \$3,787 for the awnings and \$1,500 for the damages to the façade of the building. I will have pictures attached of damages.

S Feb 23, 2016 8:36:44 AM EST

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Business 0045598

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**Business Information**

address: GARAGE DOOR SERVICE & REPAIR OF THE  
LICENSE ADDRESS  
FT PIERCE FL 34950

address: TREASURE COAST INC  
7652 FIELDSTONE RANCH SQ  
VERO BEACH FL 32967

phone: (772) 205-0466

**Other Business Information**

Location ID: 999999997  
Date opened: 2/10/2016  
Federal tax ID:  
Type of ownership: CORPORATION  
Type of business:  
Contractor flag: Y  
Status date: 2/10/2016

**Business Owner**

Owner:  
Address:  
Phone:  
Social Security:  
Drivers license:  
Date of birth:  
Email address:

License	Classification	Status	Amount Due	Exemption
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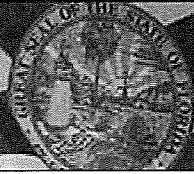
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## Detail by Entity Name

### Florida Profit Corporation

GARAGE DOOR SERVICE & REPAIR OF THE TREASURE COAST, INC.

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### Principal Address

7652 Fieldstone Ranch Square  
VERO BEACH, FL 32967

Changed: 01/15/2013

### Mailing Address

7652 Fieldstone Ranch Square  
VERO BEACH, FL 32967

Changed: 01/15/2013

### Registered Agent Name & Address

BARNES, GREGORY M  
7652 Fieldstone Ranch Square  
VERO BEACH, FL 32967

Address Changed: 01/15/2013

### Officer/Director Detail

#### **Name & Address**

Title P

BARNES, GREGORY M  
7652 Fieldstone Ranch Square  
VERO BEACH, FL 32967

Title VP

BARNES, MARYL  
7652 Fieldstone Ranch Square  
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