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In the morning of July 10th, the property owner of 1083 East Harvard Road came to the Community Services Building (CSB) Parks and Recreation Department front counter along with her neighbor. When the property owner and the neighbor arrived, I overheard them asking to speak to Marisa or Mike. However, Marisa was out of the office and Mike was not here at CSB. The clerical team then came and asked if I can help the patron, which I did. I was unaware that there had already been discussions that took place regarding this matter. I was trying to help diffuse the situation by offering to assist the patrons. Because I was not familiar with the matter, I asked the team to share with me all the details prior to addressing the patron. As I began speaking to the patrons, they shared with me photos of overgrown brush at the DeBell Golf Course where a homeless individual sleeps. They also provided me with a photo packet. Following that, they share with me the invoice they received for illegal tree pruning. They mentioned that they had neighbors who were "racist" and that the neighbors reported the property owners tree pruning. Furthermore, they said that they felt the City was targeting them and I assured them that we were not. That it is a standard process to notify and invoice any resident of any illegal tree pruning. During the conversation, the property owner made a comment acknowledging that she had barely trimmed the tree and that it was still blooming and alive. The property owner and the neighbor insisted that the City did not have proof that the property owner cut the tree. When they made that comment, I reminded them that earlier the property owner did in fact state that she barely trimmed the tree. The neighbor kept denying the fact that property owner cut the tree, and then the property owner followed suit by denying that she cut the tree. However, I along with another co-worker heard the property owner say specifically that she (property owner) cut the tree. After a lengthy conversation, I told them that we would get back to them and collected any documentation they wanted to share.



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