

Department of Justice Helps Shut Down Nuisance Property in Townsend

A complaint filed by the State of Delaware under the Criminal Nuisance Abatement Act, has led to the signing of a court order calling for the immediate and temporary closure of a property at 1172 Dexter Corner Road in Townsend.

The home, owned by Malcolm McAlpin, was the site of drug use and numerous illegal drug transactions since 2011. The property has also been the target of numerous complaints from neighbors about drug activity and violence.

On March 3, 2015, McAlpin, and Shawn Roy, another resident of the home, agreed to vacate the home no later than March 18th, and conduct no nuisance activity at the property, pursuant to an order by Superior Court Judge Andrea Rocanelli. McAlpin also agreed to sell the property, listing it with a licensed realtor, and have the State pre-approve any potential buyer. Once the sale is complete, the State will file a motion to dismiss its lawsuit against McAlpin and Roy.

John Grimm and Renee Leverette led the proceedings for the Delaware Department of Justice, and were assisted by Delaware State Police detective Sgt. Andrew Lloyd.