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## Case Of Tenant Vs. Landlord Unfolds In The Bronx

### Same Company Owns And Manages Decrepit Buildings In Crotona Park And Hunts Point; Tenants Outraged

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NEW YORK (CBS) — It's a case of tenants versus landlords. A group of residents in the Bronx were in court on Wednesday, trying to get their alleged slumlord to clean up and fix their apartments.

Shirley Dove says it seems like she just can't keep up with the growing list of problems in her Bronx apartment, including her bathroom tub faucet, which CBS 2 witnessed first hand never stops running.

CBS 2 first told viewers about tenant and landlord problems at 806 East 175th Street a few weeks ago. Department of Housing Preservation and Development officials have cited 270 emergency Code-C violations for collapsing ceilings, holes in apartment floors and water leaks.

Shirley had to install the bolt lock on her front door, just one of the many improvements she and other tenants have had to make on their own.

Wednesday morning, some two dozen tenants went to housing court to ask a judge to appoint an administrator to oversee the repairs.

"They feel that this landlord, since purchasing the building, has utterly neglected them, taken them for granted, disrespected them. There have been other problems, like lack of hot water," said the plaintiffs' attorney, Garrett Wright.

But the landlord's lawyer, Andrew Schwabb, says he thinks the lawsuit is a publicity stunt, adding, "We're not running away from anything. We're going to make all of the repairs. We will do it in a timely fashion. There won't be a need for an administrator."

The case is now headed for trial.

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