



## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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**November 12 2021**

**Re: Gilmanton Transfer station**

**On Wed Nov. 10 2021 at the direction of the Town Administrator, I conducted an inspection of the Gilmanton transfer facility. Ron, the Department head allowed me access as needed.**

**My immediate impression was the entire facility was in dire need of housekeeping. Various Egress and access points to the facility are in disarray and partially blocked with varying debris / items. Also, access to critical functions of the facilities electrical panel, disconnects, fire extinguishers bathroom etc. are either fully or partially blocked and not easily accessible.**

**The facility is not equipped with any kind of early warning smoke / fire / heat detection / suppression systems. Not only could this be critical to life safety, but would also provide early warning to Fire Department after hours.**

**The main building has a large section of sheetrock missing (above the bailer) due to an apparent incident with equipment / cardboard puncturing the ceiling. The fire barrier between the open space of the building and wooden roof trusses above has been greatly compromised. Additionally, it appears the structure of the MFG. roof trusses may have been repaired without MFG. engineering to check the adequacy of the repair to handle snow, wind loads.**

**Electric circuits are overloaded throughout. Many circuits have outlet strips in use, feeding multiple electrical fixtures, extension cords, including several electric heaters. Electric heaters appear to be the main, or only heating source for the facility. The main panel for the building has open slots which exposes an electrified bus bar, a personnel safety hazard. The panel was also behind an awkward fence gate that was also obstructed by debris. The panel labeling is either incomplete or inaccurate. There are areas of electrical wiring that appear to have not been professionally installed.**

**Areas of insulation are either missing or falling. There are flammable items around and inside the building. The flammable cabinet is full and blocked by debris. There may also be some sanitary issues within the bathroom and kitchenette that may be addressed by the Health Department.**

**The staircase to the control room (compact) is rickety and out of code, I would consider this staircase to be a safety hazard. Also, the control room is heated by an electric heater, has no fire detection in place.**

**Overall, the building, as currently being used, is not in good operating condition and could ultimately pose a life safety risk. I'd recommend the building be more closely evaluated by a licensed professional, who is regularly engaged in the proper design, function and use of this type of facility. Perhaps then a clear plan can be implemented to bring the building into compliance for code and life safety.**

**Photos attached.**

**If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

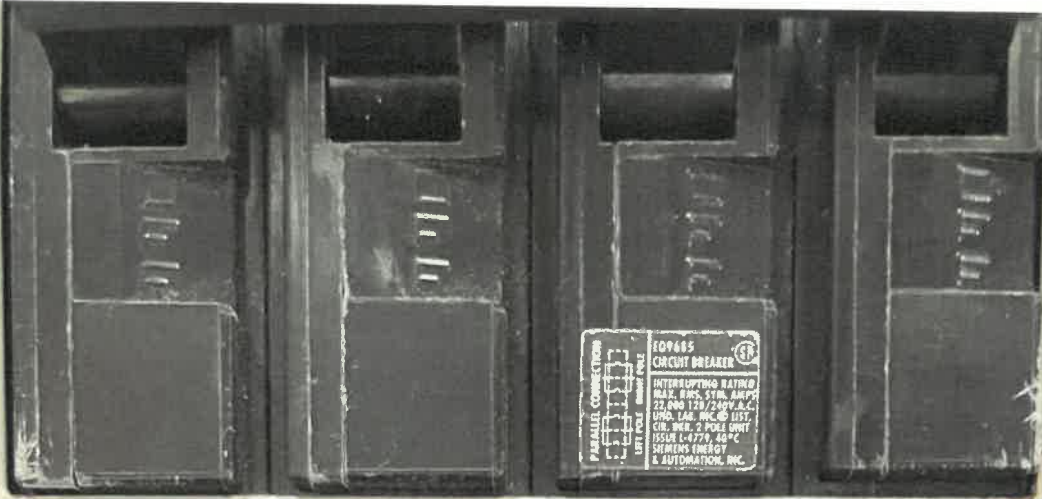
**Sincerely,**

  
**Fab Cusson**

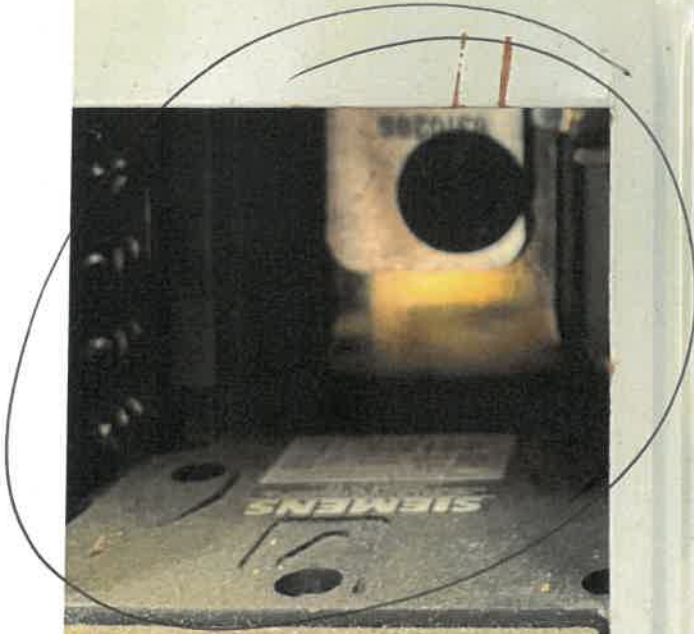
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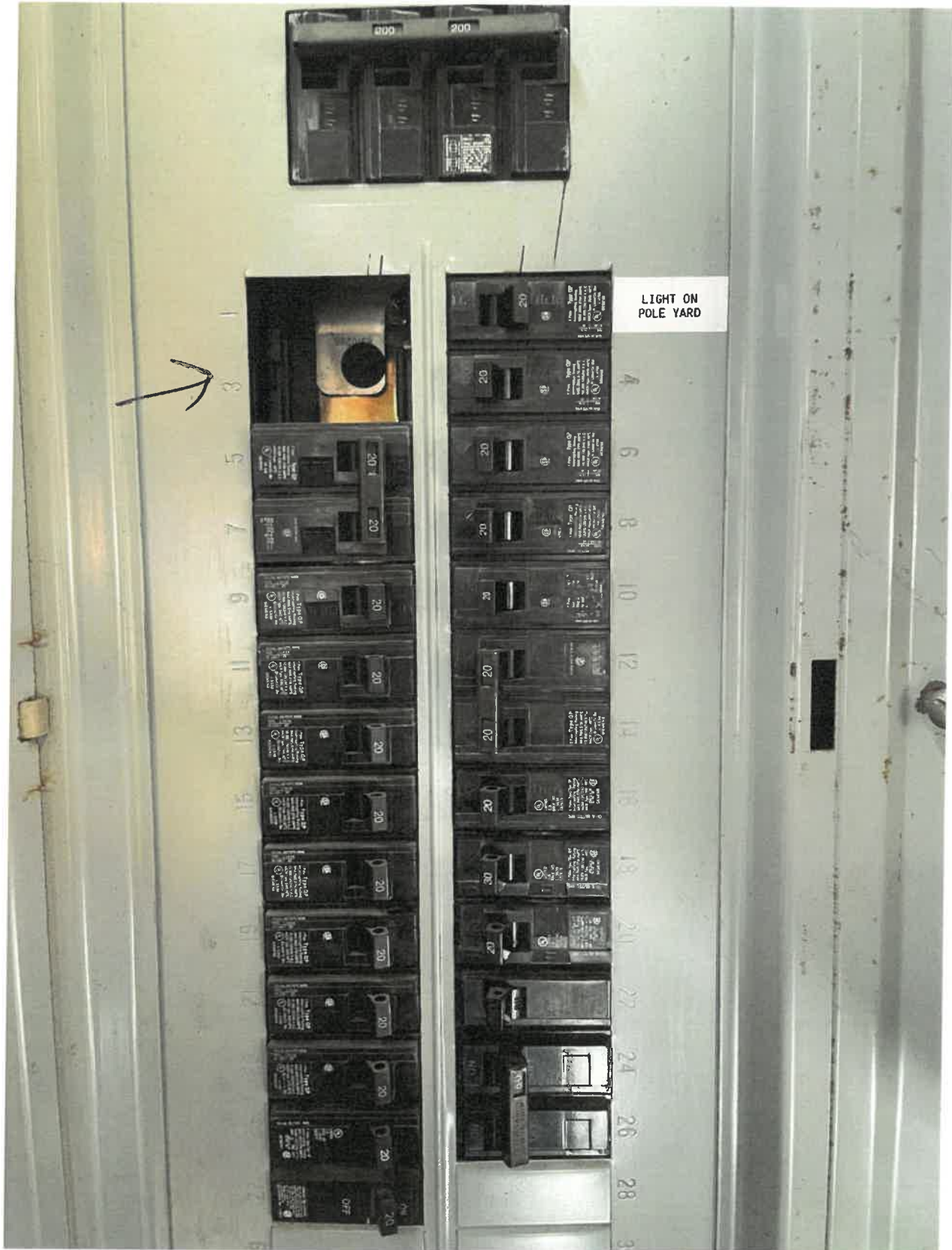
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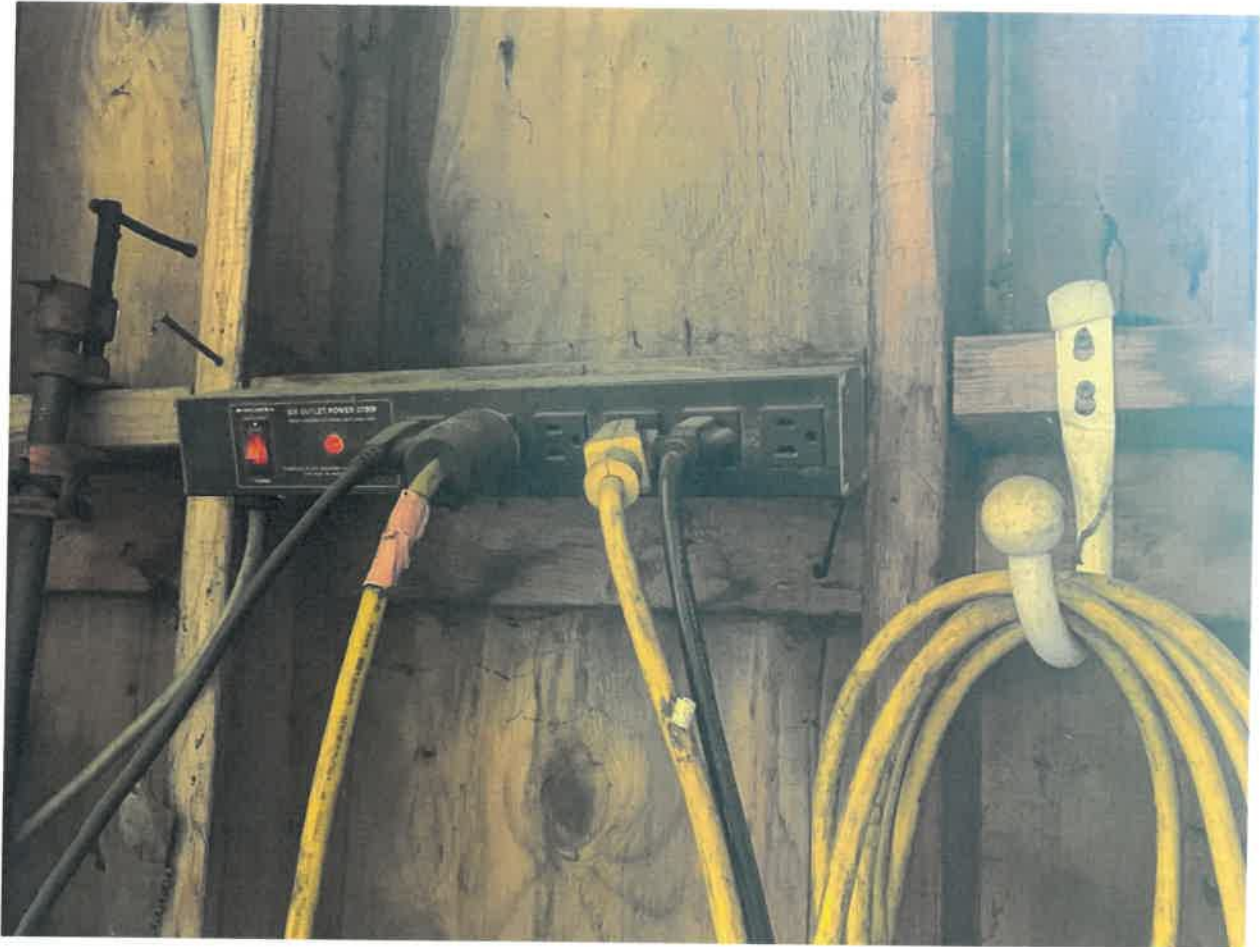


main panel



Labeling incomplete

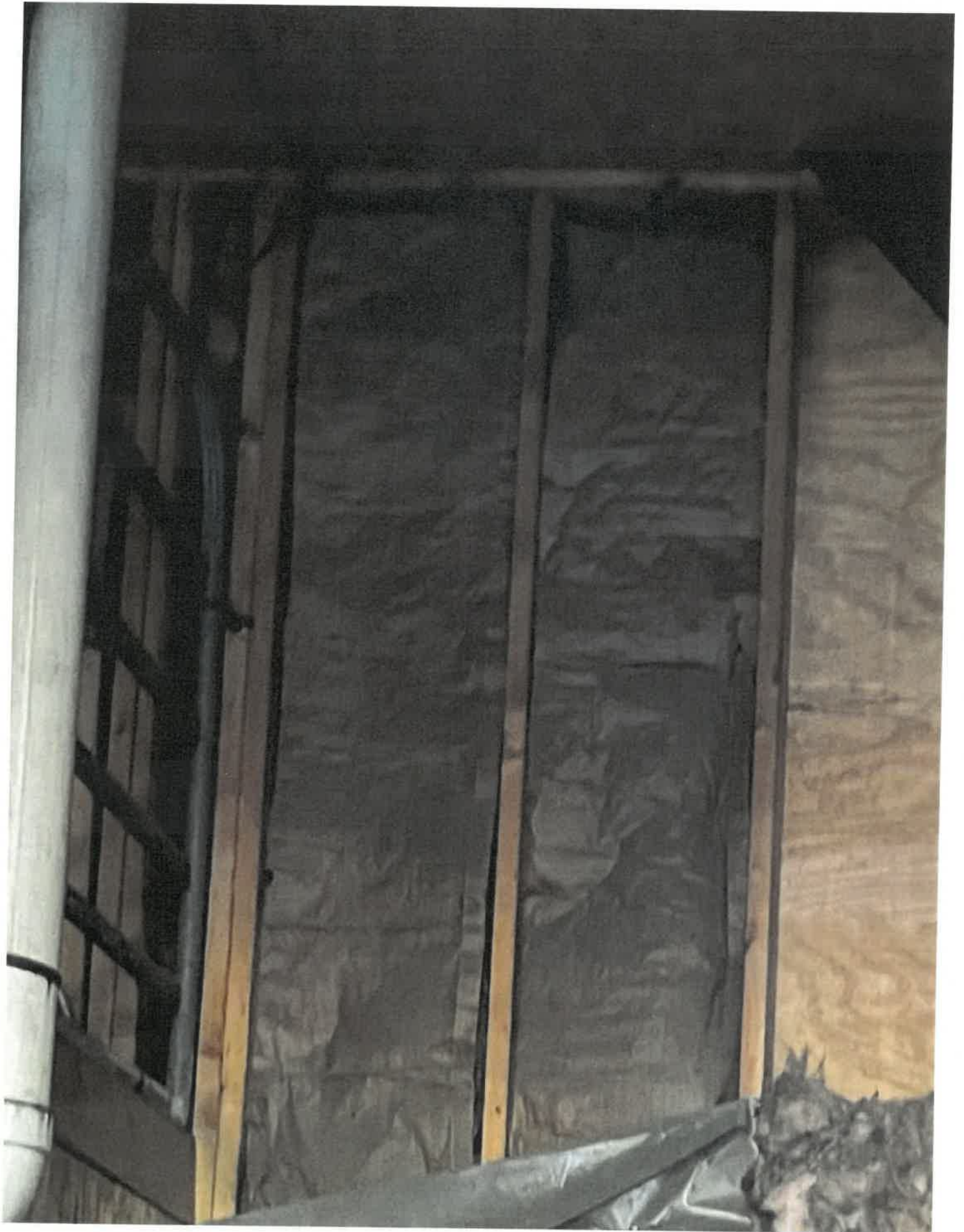


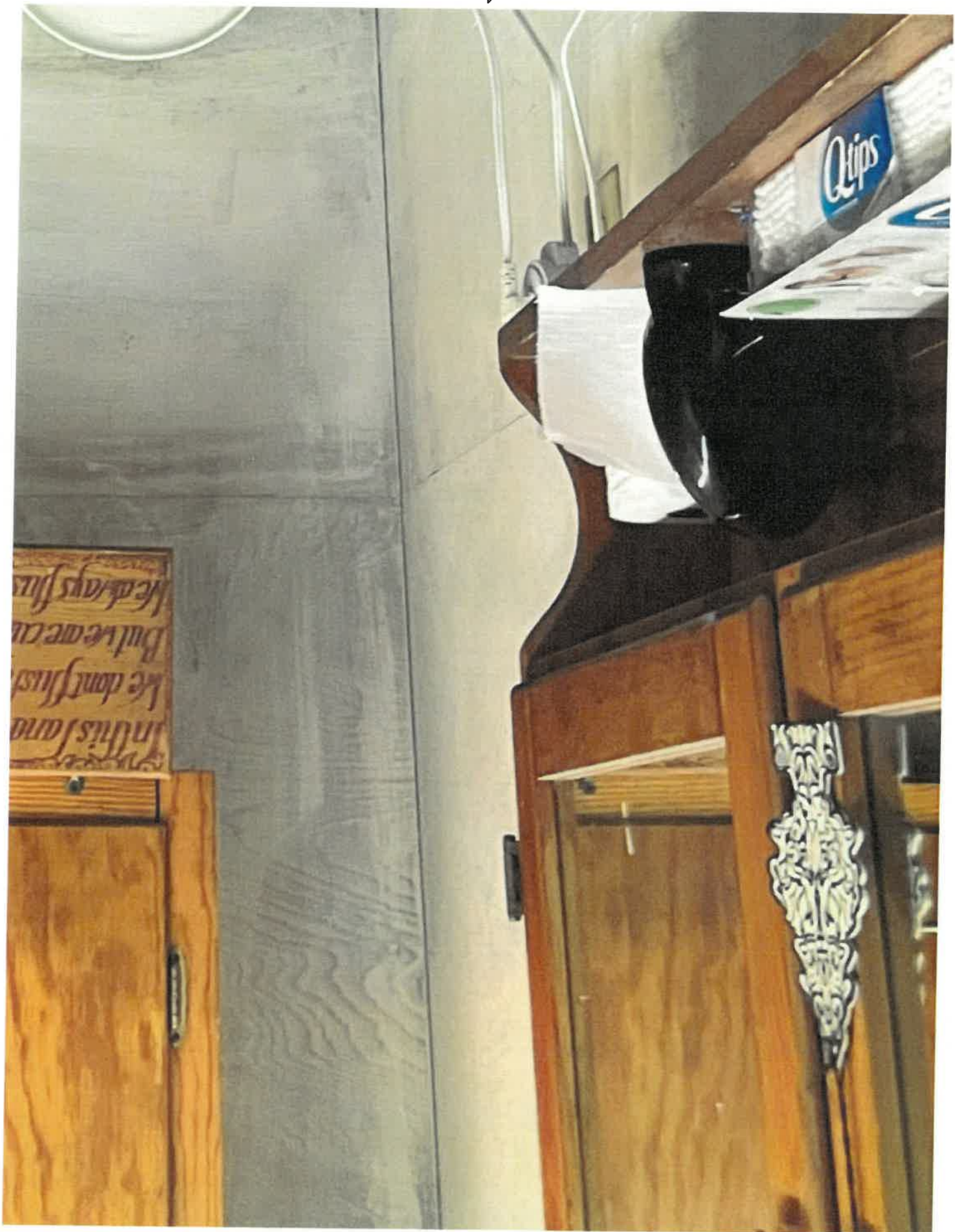




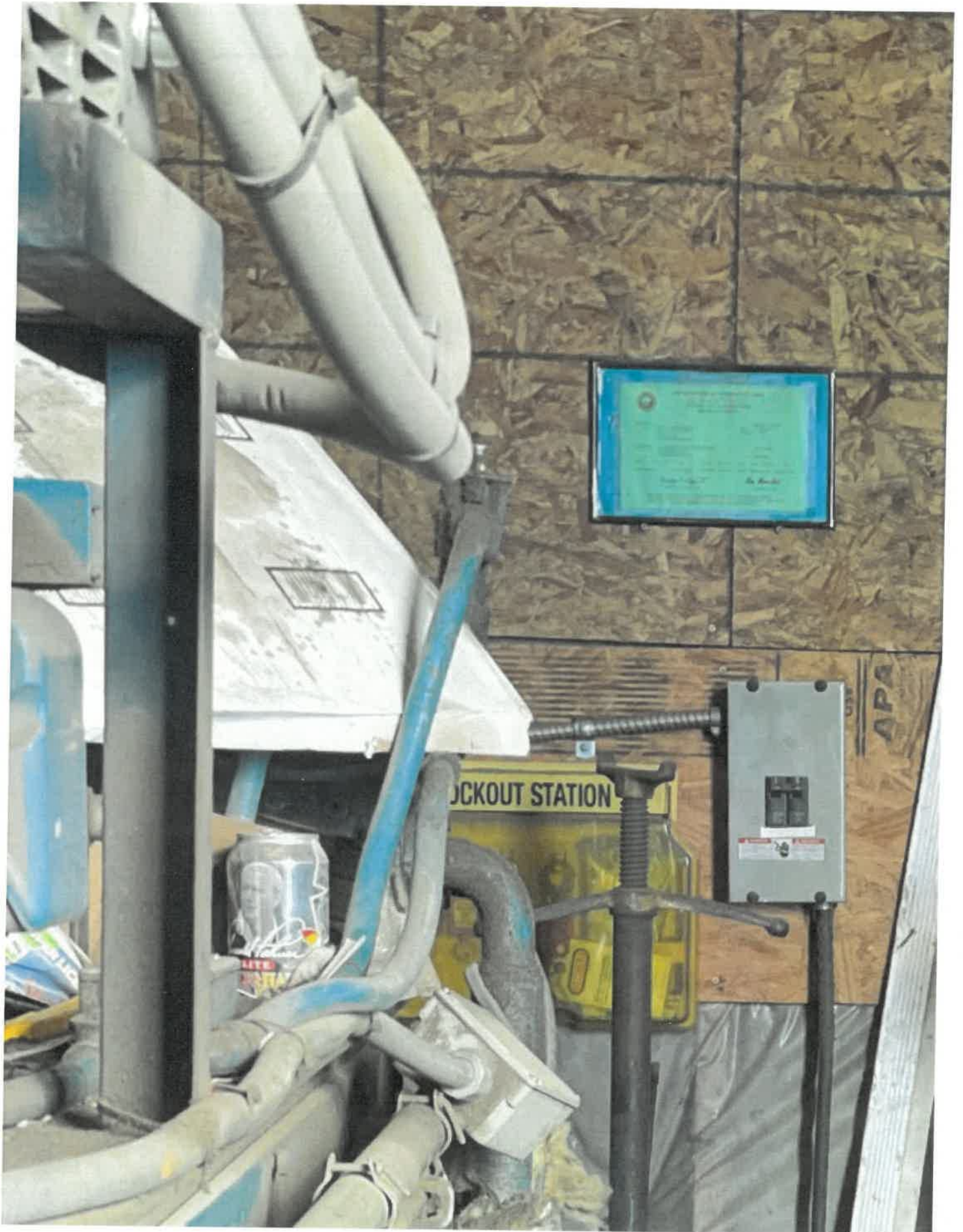




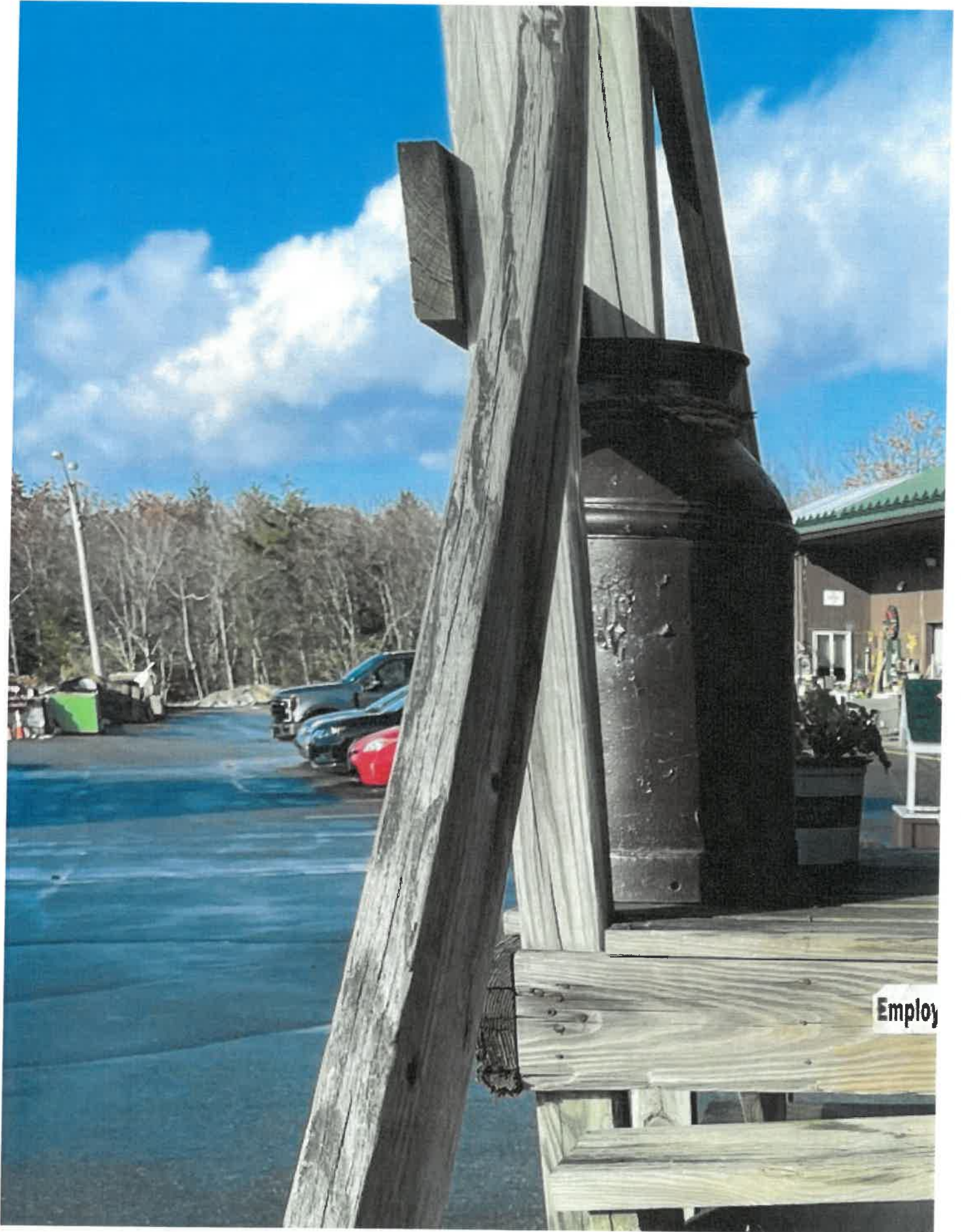














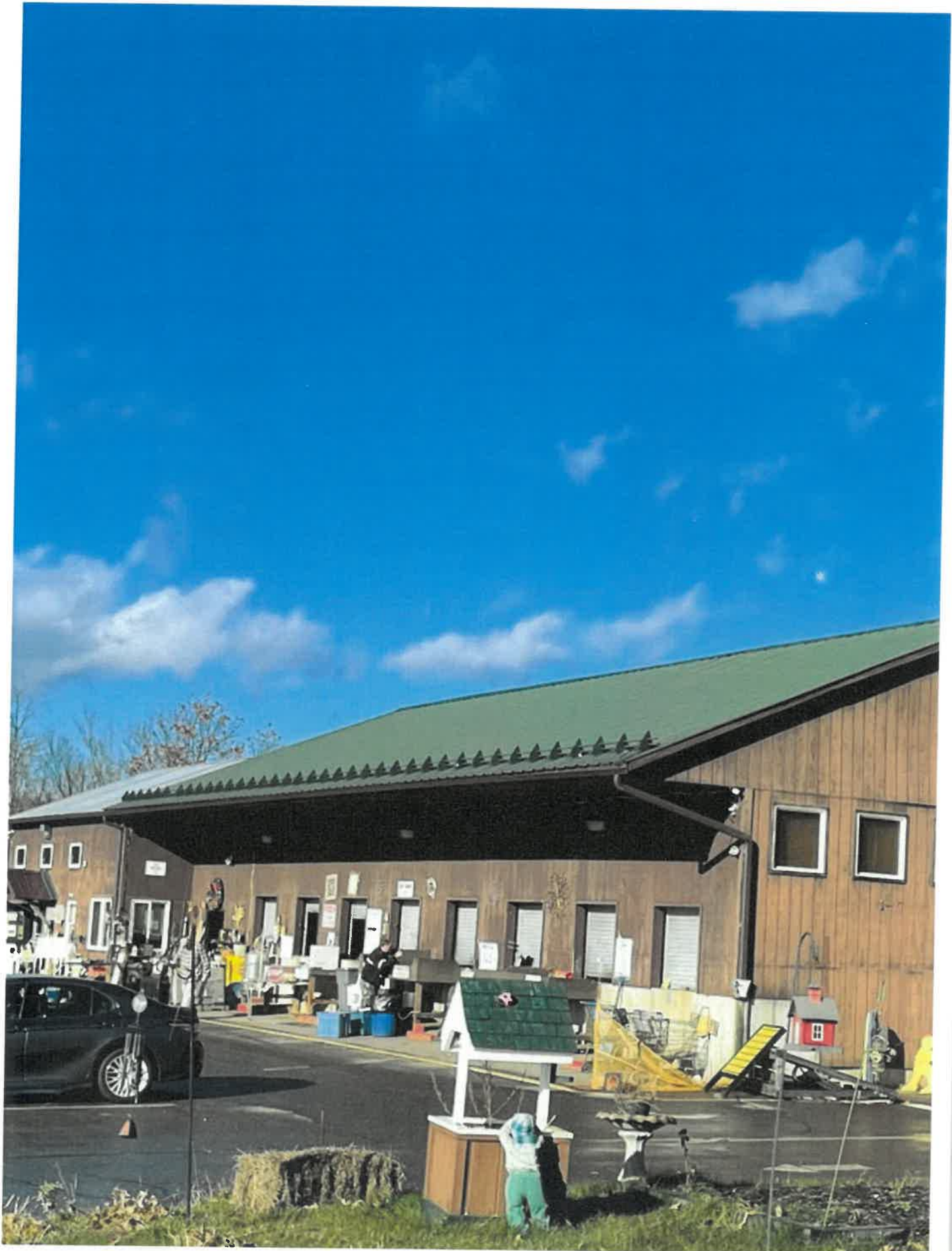
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THERMOMETERS, THERMOSTATS,  
ELECTRICAL SWITCHES,  
MERCURY BUTTON CELL BATTERIES  
AND FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS,  
INCLUDING COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS

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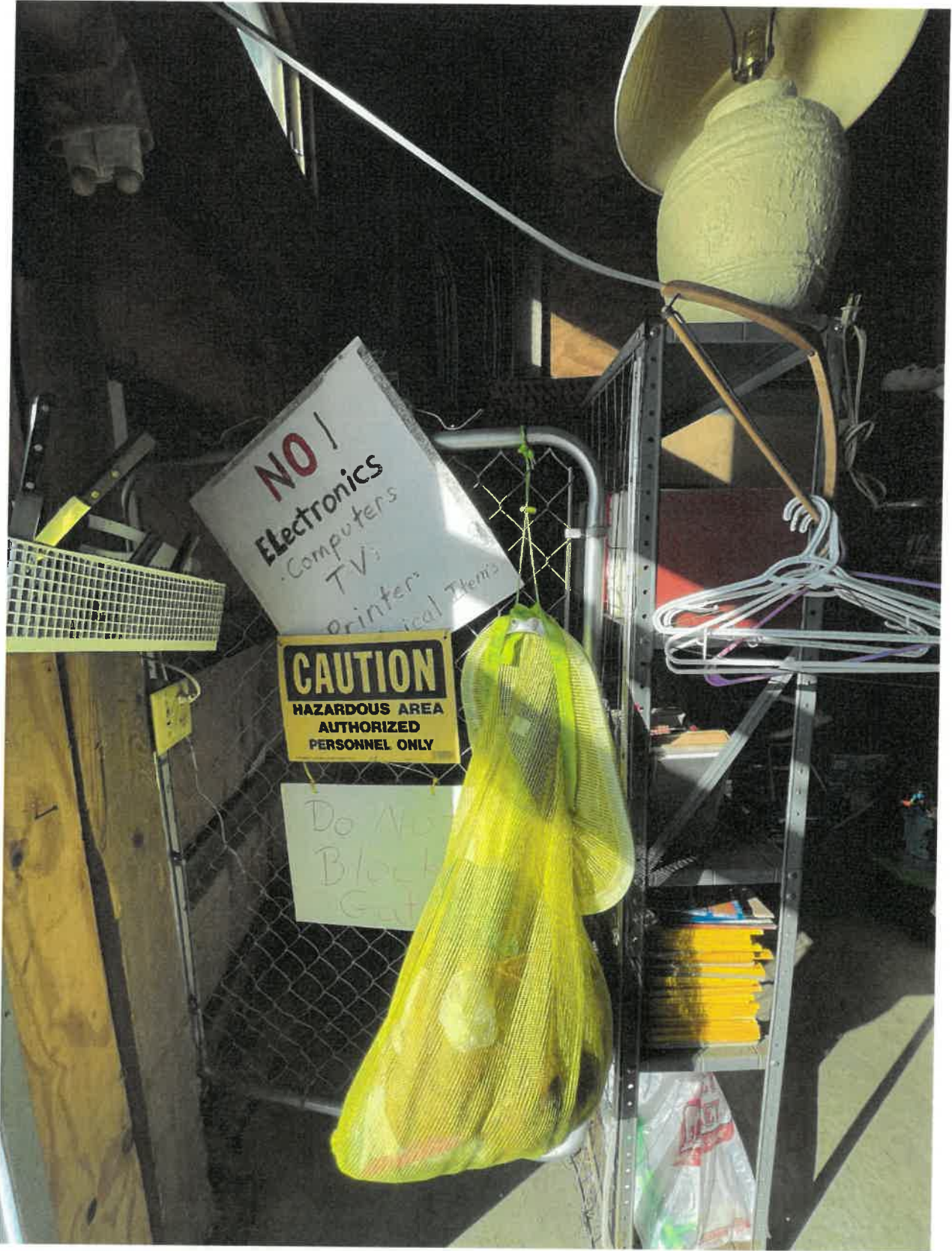
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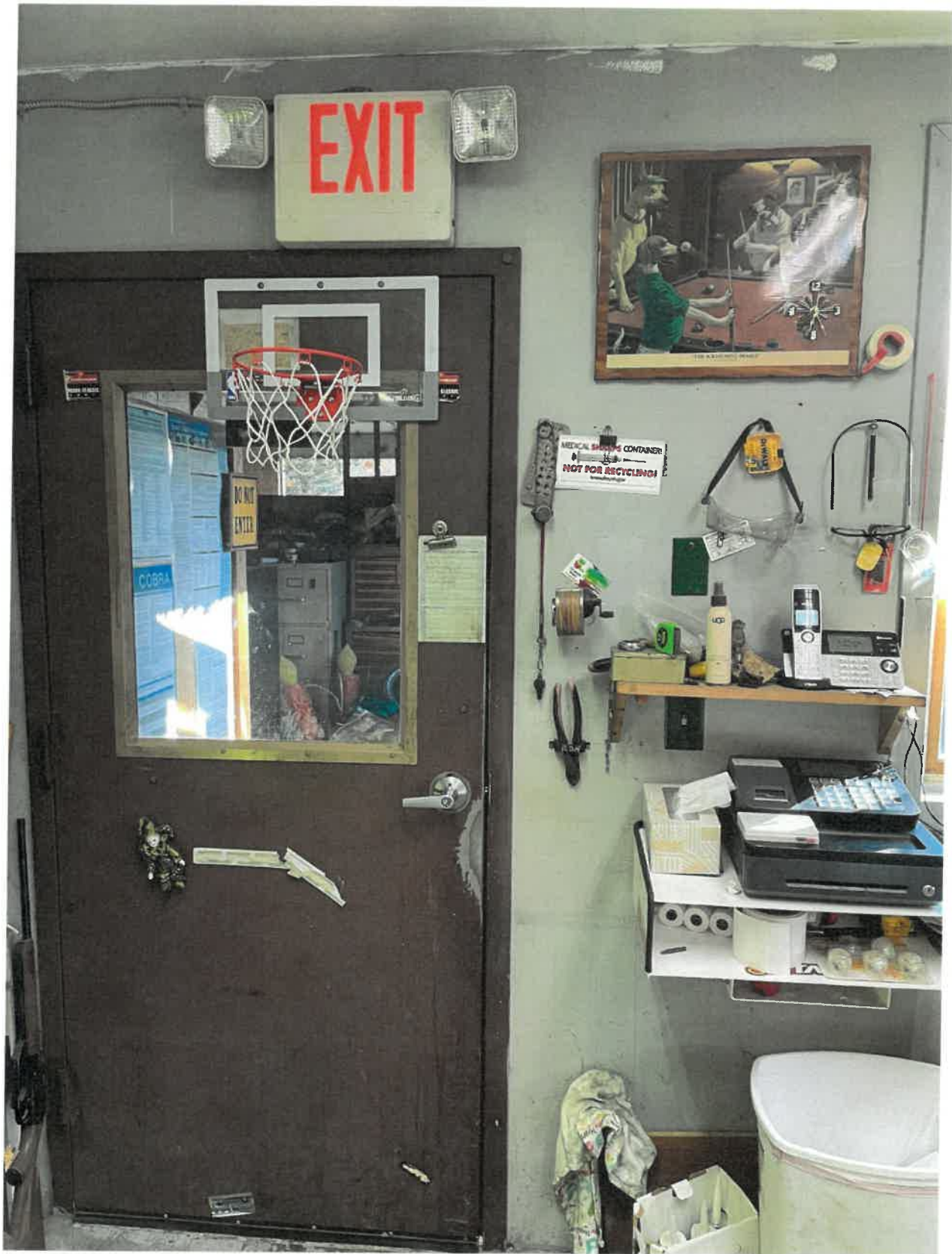


Entrance to electric panel

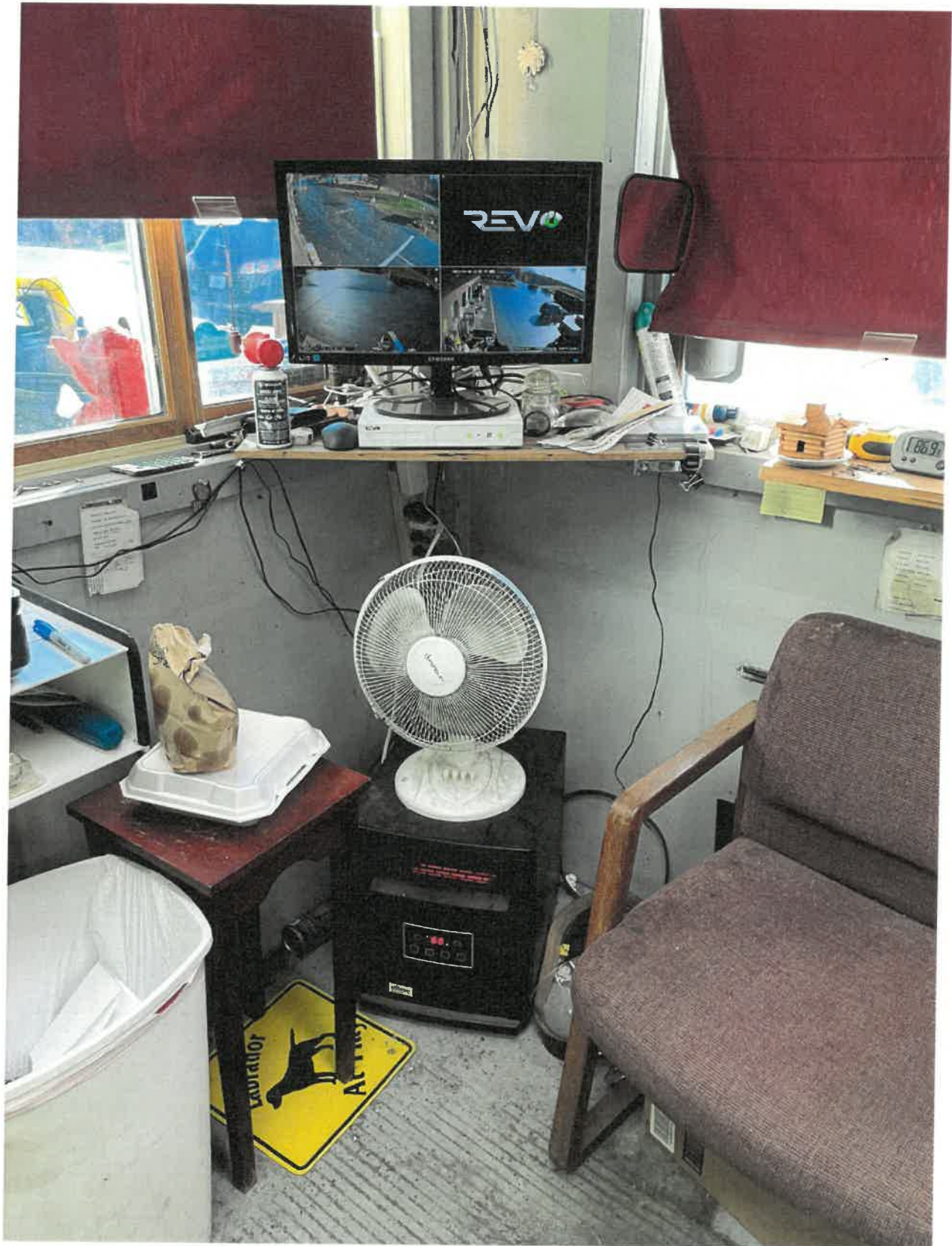


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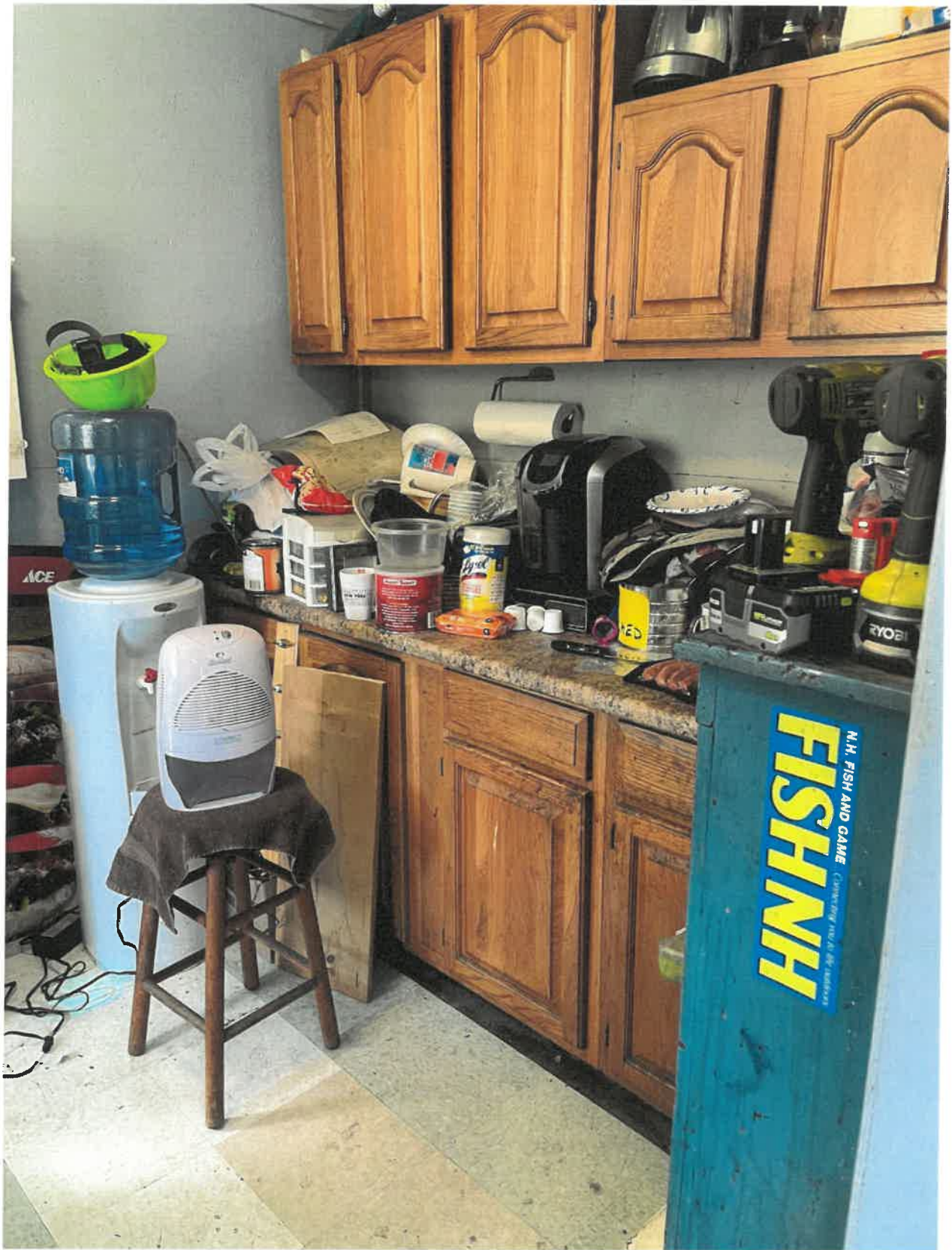


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