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Consumer Complaint Form

The Monterey County District Attorney's Office enforces consumer protection laws. If you believe that a business has engaged in consumer fraud, false advertising, or another unfair business practice, please complete this form and submit it to our office for review. We will evaluate your complaint for possible law enforcement investigation.

If our office proceeds with a prosecution based on your complaint, the defendant might be assessed fines or civil penalties, which are paid to the County of Monterey, the District Attorney's Office, or regulatory agencies according to law. Although we may seek restitution in appropriate cases, this office is not responsible for the recovery of your money or the protection of your personal rights. We are not representing you individually and we cannot provide you with any legal advice. It is not our function to determine what your personal rights or claims might be. For that, you must consult your own attorney or proceed in Small Claims Court.

Please attach complete copies of all evidence, advertisements, contracts, receipts, or other documents you have related to your complaint. Do not send originals. Send complete documents wherever possible. A copy of this complaint and the attached exhibits may be shared with the business you are complaining about, or to other appropriate regulatory agencies.

Business or individual you want to complaint about:

Name: Micah Forstein
Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED] Zip Code: 66609
Website: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Other agencies you have reported this complaint to: CA DRE, CSLB, SPCB

Have you filed a lawsuit or small claims court action for this same occurrence? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Court: [REDACTED] Case Number: [REDACTED]

What was the result? [REDACTED]

Indicate the name of your attorney, if you have one: [REDACTED]

If you lost money or other property, please indicate value: 200,000

Your contact information:

Name: Bryan Canary Phone: 443-831-2978
Address: 12 Bayview Road City, State, Zip: Castroville CA 95012
Email Address: bryan@bryancanary.com
Signature: [Signature] Today's Date: 2/6/2024

On the next page, please fully and completely describe your complaint.

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Keep the story in the same order in which it occurred. If you do not know actual dates, please give us approximations. Indicate names and job titles of the persons mentioned and include contact information for any witnesses who might be of assistance in establishing these facts.

Place Incident Occurred: 12 Bayview Road Date of Incident: March-May 2021

Describe Incident:

Micah Forstein was the seller of a property we purchased via the CA Real Estate Brokerage System.

Micah and his Seller's Agent Conspired to Sell a 900,000 home for about 200,000 more than it was worth.

The Seller and Seller's Agent Conspired to Sell home that would have required a Construction Loan, had all facts been known to any Buyer or Banker at time of Bid Consideration, Contract Acceptance, and Deed Conveyance.

To achieve their objective they executed numerous frauds individually. They conspired to commit fraud together. They engaged with Two Contractors, Two Pre Sale Inspectors and their Transaction Coordinator to complete various frauds and misrepresentations.

Unbeknownst to us when we contracted to purchase the vacant home, he and his family lived like hoarders with as many as 9 cats, a dog and other animals (per neighbors and others in community).

Unbeknownst to us when we contracted to purchase, he had hired real estate agent Kent Weinstein to execute a fixup and disclosure fraud scheme that involved two contractors and two home inspectors as well.

Disclosure documents were not delivered on time and those that were delivered had gross frauds and omissions in them. When the balance of disclosure documents were delivered they were patently incomplete. During escrow about 80k in disclosure fraud was discovered. We were forced to remove our condition contingency without completed disclosure documents. After close of escrow we found an additional \$120,000 in concealed defects.

This is being filed for Criminal Prosecution due the quantity of Frauds Micah engaged in with the support of the Licensed Professionals in 4-5 different industries who were all paid for fraudulent services to support Micah's quest to sell his non-livable home.

I will provide a short supplement to this. Additional documents to be used are related to complaints previously filed against Kent Weinstein (Realtor), Mike Butson and Mark Van Kaenel (Brokers), John Chatters (General Contractor), and David Woodbury (Painter).