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The McCabe family: Brian, Martha, Natalie, Emily, Charlie and Virginia McCabe moved into StonyBrook apartments in February 2005 with no sicknesses. Since we have been in this apartment Charles McCabe was diagnosed with Pleurisy. 3 weeks later Charlie was diagnosed with upper respiratory and sinus infection. A doctor prescribed an antibiotic, a decongestant and pain medicine. Virginia McCabe has an ear infection with fungus in the right ear and her hearing has diminished substantially. She also has sinus blockage, headaches, and nauseas. Virginia had 4 separate respiratory infections that lasted several weeks. Martha McCabe has been frequently coughing. All the vents have been emitting the foul smell of mold.

On or about 6/3/2005, 7/2, 7/7, 8/1, and 8/7/2005 we requested and received service on our AC unit. Our AC unit froze up and we got little or no air from the unit. After we submitted a request to the StonyBrook management, they sent a maintenance person who checked the unit and "charged" the AC compressor with Freon. The AC unit froze up and again the maintenance person charged the AC unit with Freon. The AC unit froze up several times and this time the maintenance person vacuumed the Freon and recharged the unit with new Freon. This helped with cooling but the inside air smelled of mold. This time, StonyBrook sent a person who identified himself as the supervisor of Equity Company in this area. He determined that the AC coils were so dirty that air was not able to pass thru. He ordered new coils and indicated that he would return with the new coils in 48 hours. About 3 weeks later, he appeared with the replacement unit. He also indicated that the AC drain was clogged and he used a device to blow out the drain line.

In the middle of September, a friend examined the AC unit and found that the drain was not working and that we had mold in the AC drip pan and on the floor of the adjacent closet. We again requested service for the AC unit. We found that mold had destroyed the carpet in the closet and had ruined two table leaves for our fine wood table. In addition, mold was found on the back of a photograph that was also on the floor of that closet. The maintenance person sprayed a mold killer and then painted the baseboards. We also complained of a foul odor coming out of the air vents. In addition, Pedro took before and after photographs of the mold. That day, Pedro indicated that he would be back to replace the carpet in the closet the next day. At this point, he has not replaced the carpet. We went to property management that weekend and complained that our carpet hadn't been replaced and the vents were still omitting an odor and also requested a written report on the work that Pedro has been doing thus far to get rid of the mold. The maintenance man came back the week of September 19<sup>th</sup> and took a look and said he would be back with carpet, which still has not happened. We called Equity property management on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and complained that the A/C unit had sludge in it and it was not draining properly and there was a foul smell coming out of the vents. At the end of the conversation the property manager person said, with a disgusted tone in her voice, "All right, I'll put in! a work order." Maintenance came to our unit on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pedro examined the AC unit and used a device to blow out the drain. In addition, he cleaned the unit behind the filter. He said that he did not know why we have had problems with the AC.

**On Friday 9/25, after Pedro cleaned out the AC drain, he also took some photographs of the AC closet. When he was finished, he handed a very dirty air filter to my wife, Virginia and said that he found this filter in the AC closet. Because I always change the filter about the first and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, we believe that he may have temporarily swapped his dirty filter with the clean – few days old filter and then took a photo of the dirty filter just to prove that we are not keeping the area clean. We do have photos and a video that do not show a second filter. We saved the dirty filter in the hope that if necessary; a lab would be able to prove that! the dust did not come from this apartment.**

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