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Today we met at the Marin Family Action offices in San Rafael; the goal was to plan for the meeting with the Marin County Sheriff set for 2pm today to discuss illegal documents in the instance of Dennis Temple, a resident of San Rafael who is in foreclosure as a result of questionable mortgage/lending practices.



Considerations included:

- Presenting ourselves as a group of Marin County property owners concerned about foreclosures and the legality/illegality thereof;
- We were in the Sheriff's offices to request help for Dennis Temple, who is facing foreclosure as a result of improper documentation;
- Seeking solutions and to express community support through organizations such as the Catholic Archdiocese, Marin Family Action, members of the YMCA and Unity in Marin.
- Lack of sufficient notice of default

MFA consultant and Legal Advocate Jeff Smith from Lake County arrived with the Federal Lawsuit papers to serve to the Sheriff. Our group comprised of Manny Fernandez (Executive Director, Marin Family Action), Mike, Judy, Dianne, Nick, Julio, Rochelle, Jeff, Dennis, and Gregory.

When we arrived at the Sheriff's office we were told that the Sheriff and all support staff were in a meeting. Jeff Smith requested that we speak with The Sheriff, or the next in the chain of command. In about ten minutes, a Lieutenant finally came out and introduced himself. Jeff Smith explained to the officer the problem that homeowners are experiencing in Marin County, which included documents that are not properly being accepted by the courts, with the result that the Sheriff's office is taking part in the illegal evictions.

Jeff Smith further explained that a Federal Lawsuit has been filed in US District Court in Washington, D.C. to protect Dennis' rights and forestall the eviction. The officer responded that the decision to evict is based upon a court action. Jeff Smith pointed out that the papers presented to the court are frequently bogus, and not legal and noted that many courts and Sheriff's departments are being "made pawns" by acting on false "legal" papers. By acting on such papers, Sheriff's Departments are in fact parties to the improper actions and have legal liability in the matter.