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#### Reference:

The Women's Club of Lake City Building

257 SE Hernando Ave

Lake City, FL

On Tuesday afternoon, March 30, 2024, I was contacted by O'Neal Contracting, a contractor that the Women's Club was hiring to do some interior renovations. The contractor noticed that the ceiling in the main room was sagging and removed a tile from the suspended ceiling to investigate. The drop ceiling is installed about 6 inches from the original hard wood ceiling and the contractor returned in the afternoon with a ladder and gained access to the attic through the scuttle hole. The contractor found broken trusses and contacted me.

I set up an appointment with O'Neal Contracting and the Women's Club representatives for 1:30 pm on Thursday, May 01, 2024, to meet with them at the Women's Club.

Upon investigation of the trusses, I found that three (3) trusses were broken along with supporting wood members attached to these trusses.

I found that when one truss failed causing, the weight that was being supported by that truss to be transferred to the next truss which in turn failed and the weight from the two failed trusses were now transferred to the third truss, which failed also under the added weight. The remaining trusses could fail at any time causing a catastrophic failure of the roof system.

Out of a safety concern of any occupants of this building, I have posted this building as non-occupiable until a structural engineer surveys the roofing system and determines the corrective action required.

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