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ESL sued by
property owner
for wrongful
demolition

By Ann Knef

Another East St. Louis property owner has filed suit against the city for allegedly demolishing a building without permission and keeping the proceeds.

Eddie L. Cohen claims the city "improperly, wrongfully and illegally" tore down a building he owned at 334 South 19th St.

According to a suit filed May 2 in St. Clair County Circuit Court, Cohen claims his building was demolished for its bricks.

"That the defendant has failed to account for the proceeds of sale of property, any transfer or sale made, or profits realized, as a result therefrom," the complaint states.

Cohen, represented by Edward J. Blake of Blake & Allen in Belleville, is seeking in excess of \$50,000 in damages.

Similar allegations have been made in several other lawsuits against the city.

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