

To All:

My wife is employed at Advanced Orthopedic and Spine Care at 6701 W 95th Street Oak Lawn Ill. I am writing this letter because I am concerned for my wife's safety along with her coworkers. I did not want to be a whistle blower, but I can't sit back and watch anymore. I would have liked to include my name, but I know it would be retaliated against and my wife would lose her job which we can't afford.

Dr Daniel Troy is the owner of this practice and has been very vocal to all the employees about his desire to add a surgery center to this location as well as moving staff around the building to accommodate his surgery center. This is where my fear comes into play.

I am a general contractor with years of experience in building construction. My wife brought me into her workplace at Advanced Orthopedic and Spine Care (6701 W 95th Street Oak Lawn Ill) on a Saturday morning to show me what was going on regarding Advanced Orthopedics' construction projects. This property has a second floor above a garage which has been a storage facility in the past for medical records and such. There are two dimly lit stairways with no access to the outside which in the case of a fire would trap all the employees upstairs. The employees here have talked about not wanting to move to this area but Dr Troy refuses to entertain this. This is where the problem gets more concerning. Dr Troy is doing all this work without any permits or village approval as he has done in the past for several other projects in the building. There have been no plans submitted to the Village of Oak Lawn as well as no inspections. I noticed subpar materials being used as well as not adhering to the current construction codes and fire codes. There has been no concern to the ADA codes as well. I have been told the the work is also being performed by unlicensed individuals., I can't understand how he gets away with such business practices until my wife informed me that he is always stating that the Oak Lawn Village Manager and some of the Oak Lawn Trustees are his patients and he can do whatever he wants. This has been going on for some time without any village interaction which all employees notice.

There have been other projects that my wife also observed that haven't been finished such as temporary offices built in the building warehouse, a temporary sign made from wood that has been temporary for six years. These are the things that we observed on one Saturday morning walk through. I am upset that as a contractor doing business in Oak Lawn, I am required to strict adherence to building codes, permits, licenses and the safety of the public. Dr Troy is apparently not under the same requirements as the rest of the community.

As an employee of Advanced Orthopedic and Spine Care, my wife is also worried about what will happen to patient care if he gets this surgery center. The Village Manager as well as some of Trustees have endorsed this project with the Illinois Department of Public Health (CON Board) yet when it comes to the employee's safety and security, the Village is no where to be found with allowing or not knowing of current work being done without any licenses, permits or inspections.

My wife has told some employees about my wanting to write this letter and has received nothing but overall support. There are no other options available to employees who need their jobs when their concerns are ignored by Dr Troy. If there was a fire here, my kids would be motherless, and the front page of the newspapers would highlight this corruption. Please help us, we have no other place to turn....

Regards,

A Concerned Citizen

RE: Sandra Bury(Mayor), CON Board, Dr Fakhouri, Chicago Tribune,