

UNFOLDING SITUATION: PEACHTREE PINE

The City of Atlanta shut off the water to Peachtree Pine for failure to keep their payment plan on an outstanding large water bill. Peachtree Pine plans to continue operating without water, but 11Alive reported in its broadcast news that the Fulton County Health Department promised to shut down the "shelter" if they proceed to operate their dormitory without water needed for basic sanitation.

We wish to highlight that the Atlanta Gateway Center is prepared to take in those willing to pursue rehabilitation in the many services available through that agency truly dedicated to improving the plight of the genuinely homeless. As for the rest of the street people from Peachtree Pine - the ones that will not rise above being a community nuisance - Major Williams urges us to call 911 to report criminal and nuisance activity. We can expect some increased vagrancy-related public disorder as a result of the closure of this monster, but with proactive measures emanating from close collaboration between APD and neighborhood public safety groups, the fallout would likely dissipate in a few months.

We are hopeful that the Peachtree Pine "shelter" will close for good in the imminent future, and make it feasible for neighborhood groups like ours and APD to work toward significant improvement in public safety and order. No other homeless service in our city catalyzes so much crime and disorder as the Peachtree Pine "shelter" does. No other homeless service in the city does so much to perpetuate the factors driving vagrancy as Peachtree Pine does. In the name of a safer community is high time that the injustice that they perpetrate on the surrounding community and the homeless themselves comes to a complete stop...

- **AJC: *Homeless shelter says it'll open tonight despite water cut off***

KENNETH LAMB ALERT

It came to our attention about three weeks ago that Kenneth Lamb, the dangerous sex offender with an extremely violent background, is loose in the community again. He has prior convictions for rape (three victims in separate incidents), aggravated assault, and robbery. He was convicted last year for failure to register as a sex offender, when we discovered that his address given was a long-vacant house in West Atlanta.

He served several months in the Fulton County jail for various charges including cocaine possession. He was released late last month, apparently on the condition that he pursue a rehabilitation program. In our research we found that his current residence listed on the Sex Offender registry is a group home for a rehabilitation service. As an aside, the residents we spoke to in that West Atlanta neighborhood - one abundantly populated with children - found it unsettling that six sex offenders were living in that group home, including the three-time rapist Kenneth Lamb.

We very seriously doubted that he would voluntarily stay in a rehab program very long, and our doubts were confirmed today when he was seen panhandling on the southbound exit ramp of Cheshire Bridge Road & I-85. It is a matter of time before he finds his way back to Midtown. His violent background combined with intensive crack use (hence his attraction to the Ponce & Boulevard area) makes him a serious community threat. Folks in the neighborhoods surrounding Cheshire Bridge and Lavista Rd area should familiarize themselves with this dangerous individual

- we will share "intel" with neighborhood groups. His **updated** profile sheet linked below includes a picture of what he looks like now (since he is fresh out of jail he still has a kempt appearance).

Please share sightings of Kenneth Lamb - we want to monitor him in hopes of preventing someone from getting hurt.

- **MPSA: Kenneth Lamb profile sheet -**
<http://www.midtownponce.org/news/profile040.pdf>

BE SAFE AND STAY VIGILANT! And remember, your car + your valuables = loot for a thief! If you don't get those things out of your car, a thief will do it for you...

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