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Statement of Inspector General Rae Oliver Davis on HUD OIG's Notification of Inquiry into HUD's Termination of its Rental Assistance Contract at Peppertree Apartments in Memphis, Tennessee

WASHINGTON DC — Inspector General Rae Oliver Davis issues the following statement on the issuance of <u>notification of inquiry to the Department</u> concerning the circumstances resulting in the relocation of residents at Peppertree Apartments:

"Promoting safety in HUD housing is a top priority for my office. Everyone deserves to live in a decent, safe, and sanitary home without the fear of being exposed to safety hazards that pose a potential risk to their health and well-being. That is why I have directed the Office of Special Inquiry to conduct a preliminary review of the circumstances that resulted in HUD ending its contract with Peppertree Apartments and the subsequent relocation of residents. This inquiry will include among other things, interviews and data gathering related to HUD's oversight of Peppertree Apartments' participation in HUD's Project-Based Rental Assistance program."

Anyone with knowledge of potential fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct, or mismanagement related to this inquiry should contact the HUD OIG hotline at 1-800-347-3735 or access the electronic form at https://www.hudoig.gov/hotline. For media inquiries contact us at OIGMediaRelations@hudoig.gov.

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