



JB Pritzker, Governor  
James L. Bennett, Director

### **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION CHARGE**

**CASE NUMBER: IDHR # 2026CH0843**

**1. Complainant**

Illinois Department of Human Rights  
555 W. Monroe, 7th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60661

**2. Other Aggrieved Persons**

- All tenants and persons residing in the property at 7500 S. Shore, Chicago, IL 60649 as of September 29, 2025

**3. The following is alleged to have occurred or is about to occur:**

- Discriminating in making available a real estate transaction (Section 3-102(A))
- Altering the terms, conditions, or privileges of a real estate transaction or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection therewith (Section 3-102(B))
- Aiding and abetting in interference, coercion, or intimidation (Section 6-101.5(B))

**4. The alleged violation occurred because of:**

- Race
- Ancestry
- National Origin

**5. Address and location of the property in question (or if no property is involved, the city and state where the discrimination occurred):**

7500 South Shore Drive  
Chicago, IL 60649

**6. Respondents**

Trinity Flood



7500 Shore A LLC



Strength In Management LLC



**7. The following is a brief and concise statement of the facts regarding the alleged violation:**

The Illinois Department of Human Rights (“IDHR” or “Department”) files this Department-initiated charge as authorized by the Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/1-103.

7500 Shore A LLC is the owner of the 5-story, 130-unit apartment building located at 7500 S. Shore, Chicago, IL 60649 (“the 7500 S Shore building”).

Trinity Flood is the registered manager of 7500 Shore A LLC. On information and belief, Flood is the primary owner of the 7500 S Shore building.

Strength in Management LLC is, upon information and belief, the property management company contracted by Flood and 7500 S Shore A LLC to maintain the 7500 S Shore building.

7500 Shore A LLC, Trinity Flood, and Strength in Management LLC are collectively referred to in this charge as “7500 S Shore building management.”

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is the federal law enforcement agency that oversees operations by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

The allegations set forth below are upon the Department’s information and belief.

In or around September 2025, 7500 S Shore building management tipped federal officials, alleging that the 7500 S Shore building was inhabited by Venezuelans who were unauthorized occupants and had threatened other tenants. As a result, on September 30, 2025, federal agents under the direction of DHS, ICE, and CBP (hereinafter referred to as “federal agents”) raided the 7500 S Shore building. 7500 S Shore building management sought to intimidate and coerce the building’s Black and Hispanic tenants into leaving their apartment units, based on stereotypes about Venezuelan immigrants. In the middle of the night, armed federal agents in military fatigues entered nearly every one of the 130 units in the 5-story building. Federal agents forcibly removed Black and Hispanic tenants from their apartments, detained and separated tenants based on their race, ancestry, and national origin, destroyed their belongings, and rendered their residences uninhabitable.

Federal agents broke down doors, dragged tenants and their children outside and left them zip-tied for hours outside the building. Tenants’ requests to see warrants or attorneys were ignored. When tenants returned to the building, they found that their doors had been kicked down or ripped from the hinges and that their furniture and belongings had been removed, tossed, or damaged. Within hours after the raid, workers employed or contracted by 7500 S Shore building management were tossing tenants’ belongings in the trash and clearing out units vacated by the raid.

7500 S Shore building management unlawfully discriminated against their tenants when they refused to make maintenance and repairs and then tipped federal officials, alleging that the Venezuelan tenants of the building were unauthorized occupants and had threatened other tenants. The act of tipping federal officials was based on race, ancestry, and national origin of Venezuelan tenants. 7500 S Shore building management blamed Venezuelan tenants for their own (management’s) failure to provide needed locks and security service, as well as other needed maintenance and repairs, and perpetuated stereotypes about Venezuelan gang members to send a message that tenants born outside of the United States were considered gang associates, even if they were law abiding. The tip allegation to federal officials was a pretext for discrimination against Venezuelan tenants who lived in the building and resulted in federal officials raiding the entire 130-unit building, terrorizing all tenants, knocking down doors, clearing units, and destroying tenants’ property. 7500 S Shore building management unlawfully discriminated against their tenants when they refused to make a rental property available based on race, ancestry, and national origin and altered the terms, conditions, or privileges of a rental based on race, ancestry, and national origin. All tenants of 7500 S Shore, even those who were not Venezuelan, were predictably

harmed by these discriminatory practices.

7500 S Shore building management also aided and abetted federal agents' unlawful actions by tipping federal agents to raid the 130-unit building and to engage in unlawful interference, coercion, or intimidation of its Black and Hispanic tenants in their exercise or enjoyment of fair housing rights, based on their race, ancestry, and national origin. The alleged unlawful interference, coercion, or intimidation, which 7500 S Shore building management aided and abetted, includes breaking down doors, forcibly removing tenants (including U.S. citizens, veterans, and children) from their apartments and zip-tying them, detaining and separating tenants based on their race, ancestry, and national origin, destroying the furniture and belongings of tenants, and rendering their residences uninhabitable.

It is the public policy of the State of Illinois to secure for all individuals within Illinois the freedom from discrimination based on race, ancestry, and national origin in real estate transactions and to promote the public health, welfare and safety by protecting the interest of all people in Illinois in maintaining personal dignity, in realizing their full productive capacities, and in furthering their interests, rights and privileges as citizens of this State. The alleged discriminatory practices and threats, coercion and intimidation based on race, ancestry, and national origin harm not only the tenants of 7500 S Shore, but Black and Hispanic tenants throughout the South Side of Chicago and elsewhere in the state who face the threat of terrifying raids, detention and property destruction based on discriminatory animus.

**8. The most recent date on which the alleged discrimination occurred:**

September 30, 2025.

**9. Types of Federal Funds identified:**

None.

**10. The acts alleged in this complaint, if proven, may constitute a violation of the following:**

Sections 3-102 and 6-101.5 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

**Please sign and date this form:**

**Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure [735 ILCS 5/1-109], the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth**

in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he or she verily believes the same to be true.

  
James L. Bennett, Director

1-21-2026  
Date

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