



## CLAIMANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete this form, print and sign it, and serve a hard copy upon the West Allis City Clerk. If you have questions about how to fill out this form, please contact a private attorney who can assist you.

### NOTICE OF CLAIM

Date of incident: 07/28/2025 Time of day: 17:00  
Location: 2674 S 118th Street, West Allis, WI 53227

Describe the circumstances of your claim here. You may attach additional sheets or exhibits. Some helpful information may be the police report, pictures of the incident or damage, a diagram of the location, a list of injuries, a list of property damage, names and contact information for witnesses to the incident, and any other information relevant to the circumstances.

On July 28, 2025, at approximately 17:00 hours, the water main running down the center of the 118 block between Cleveland Avenue and Lincoln Avenue suffered a catastrophic failure. A crack measuring approximately 14 feet developed along the 16-inch main line, which subsequently burst and created a substantial hole in the roadway. As a result, the roadway buckled, cracked, and collapsed, which also caused a nearby gas line to rupture.

The failure of the main line caused significant flooding in the roadway. The water then backed up into my residence through toilets, shower drains, and a floor drain located in my fully finished basement. Flooding continued and it resulted in approximately four inches of standing water and sewage throughout the entire basement in the matter of minutes. During the cleanup process, where I had friends and family working, we finished the cleanup of the water and then moments later, it started to flood again. I walked outside and talked to the workers, and they stated they were sorry, but the trucks were not able to get the water out fast enough and the water came back in through our line.

During the response, I spoke extensively with City workers and representatives from WE Energies. It was explained to me that the water main failure was caused by corrosion and the age of the pipe. Although these pipes were originally represented as having a lifespan of over 100 years, this particular pipe was installed around 1968. I was further informed that the pipe originated from China during a time when such pipes were not manufactured to last. Due to its condition, the pipe could not withstand the water pressure and ruptured, blowing a hole along its side. I later learned that this specific main line is supplied directly by the municipal water tower. The rupture caused the complete emptying of the water tower, contributing to the severity and speed of the flooding.

Check one:

- ☒ ..... I am seeking damages at this time (complete Claim Amount section below)  
☐ ..... I am submitting this notice without a claim for damages. This claim is not complete and will not be processed until I submit a claim for damages on a later date.

Signed: David Mudgett

Date: 9-8-2025

### CLAIM AMOUNT

To complete this claim, attach an itemized statement of damages sought. If any damages are for repair to property, include at least 2 estimates for repairs.

The total amount sought is: \$ 50,000.00

SAVE

PRINT



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Flooring  
Rec in





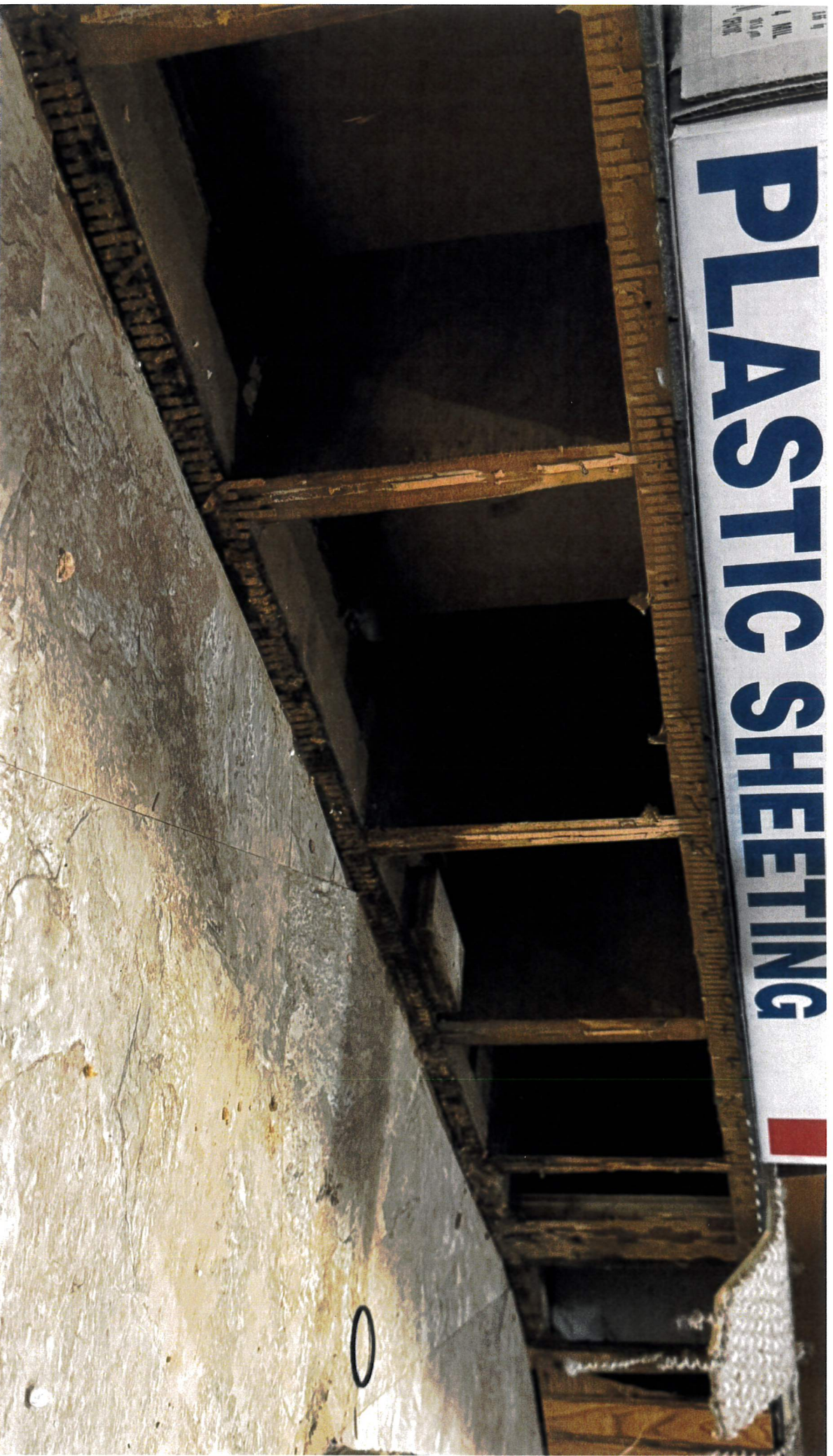




where the bar was







bottom of bar



Rec View



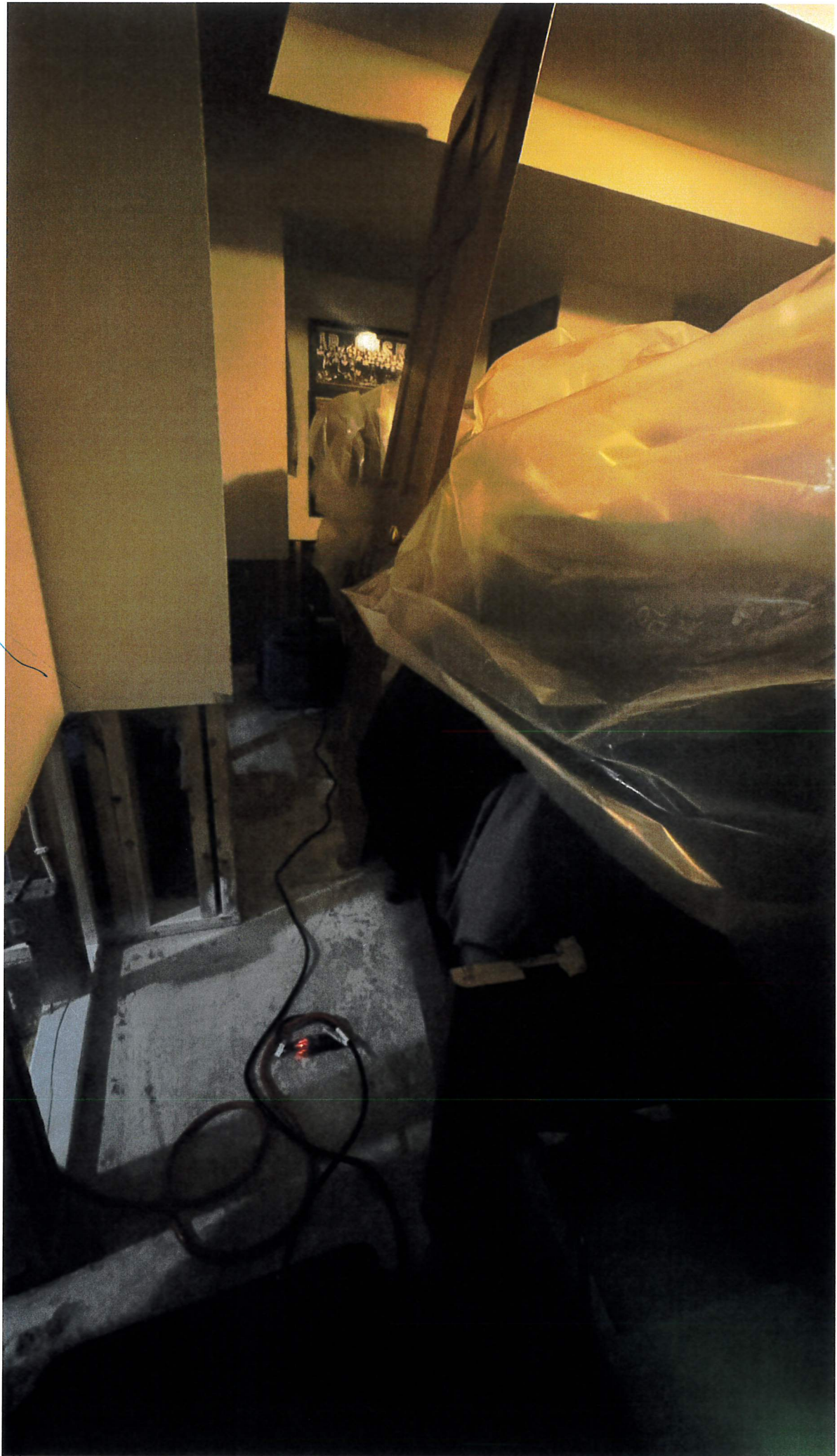


See the  
way





Fireplace  
area



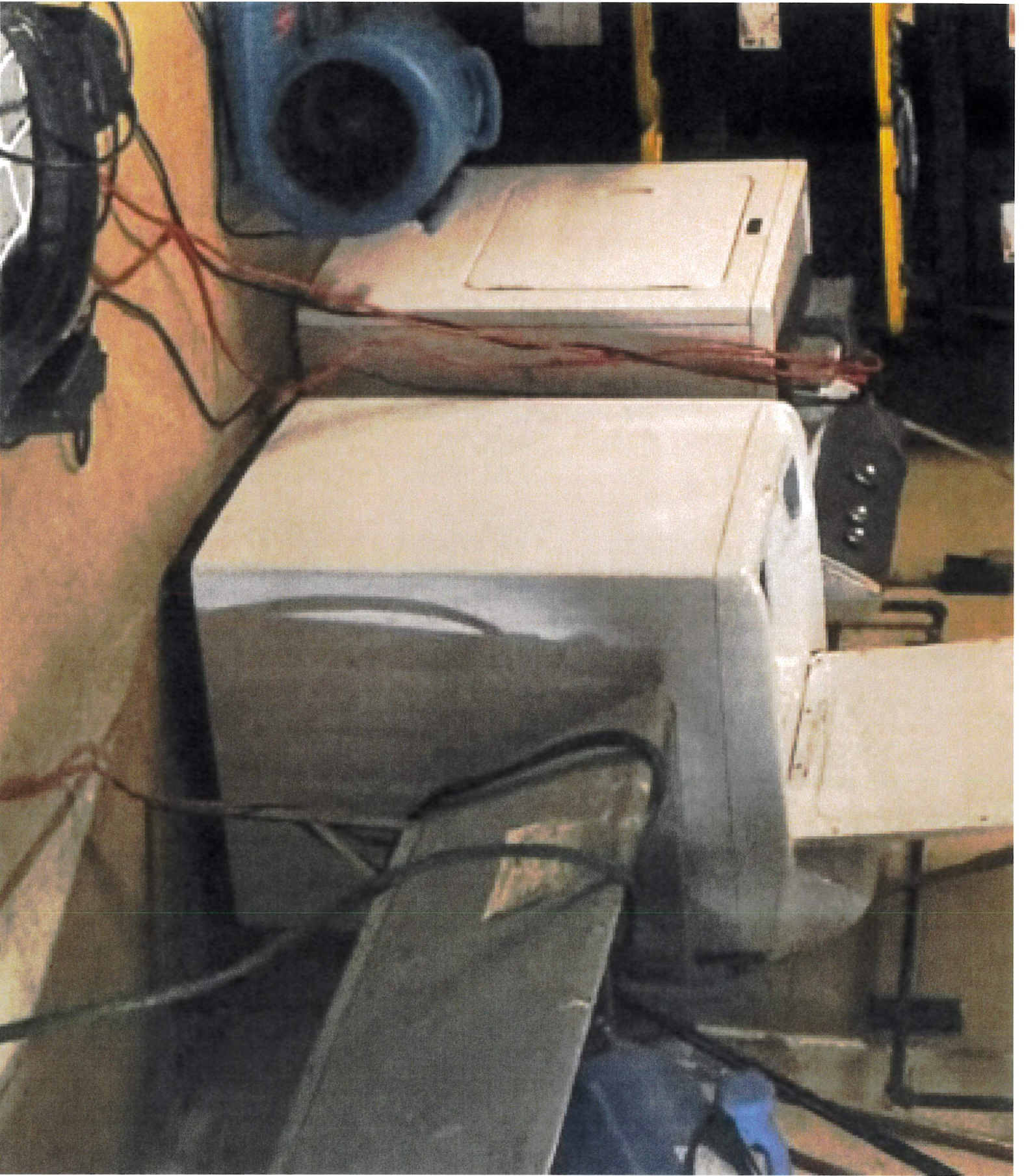


Office  
Area





Laundry  
Rm





Laundry  
Rm





Under Stair  
Storage





Back  
Storage





back  
Storage  
Rm





Office  
View to  
bathroom







Shower





Bath Room

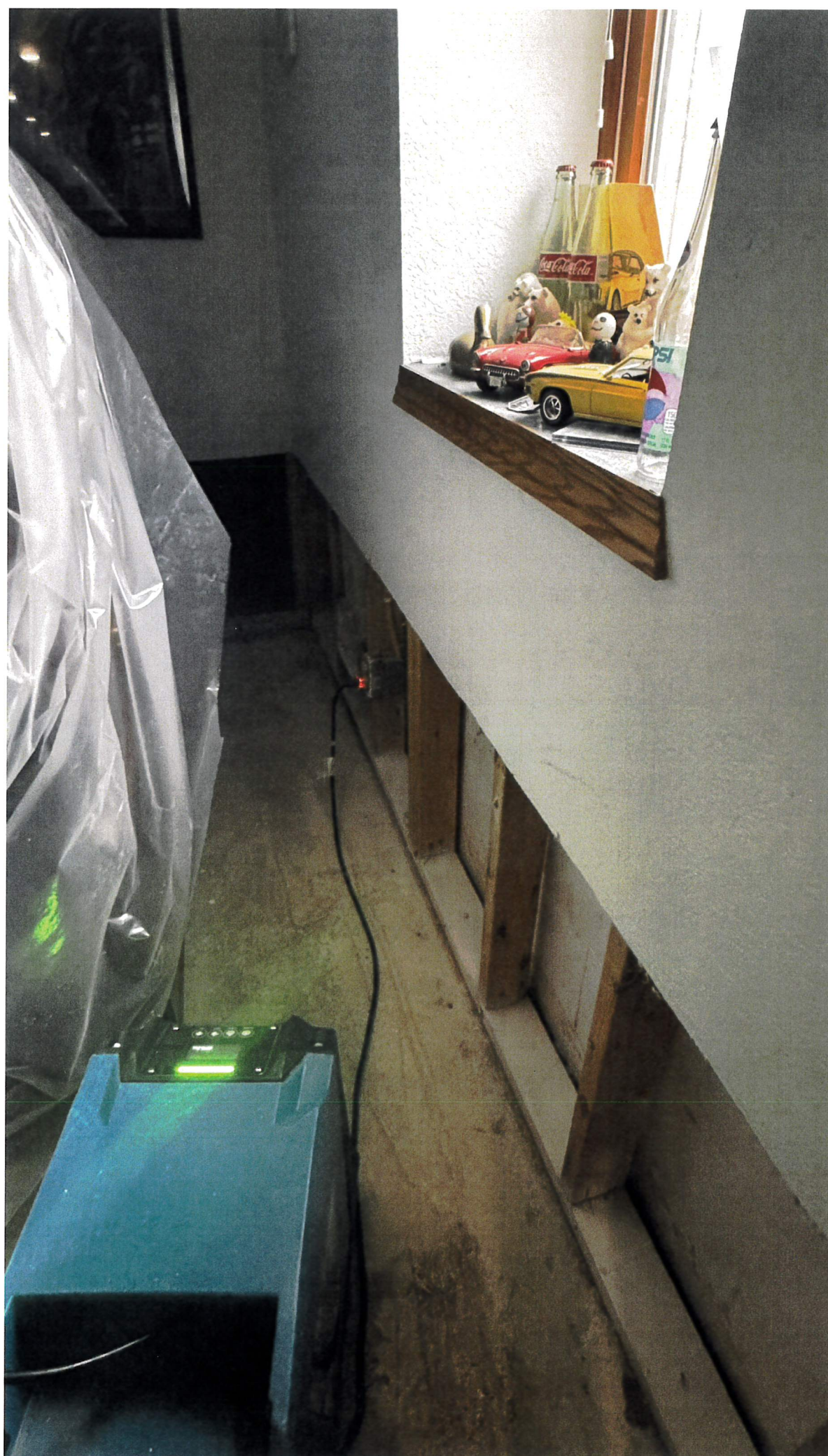


Utility Rm





Bedroom







SUMP  
pump line

Front yard





road crack



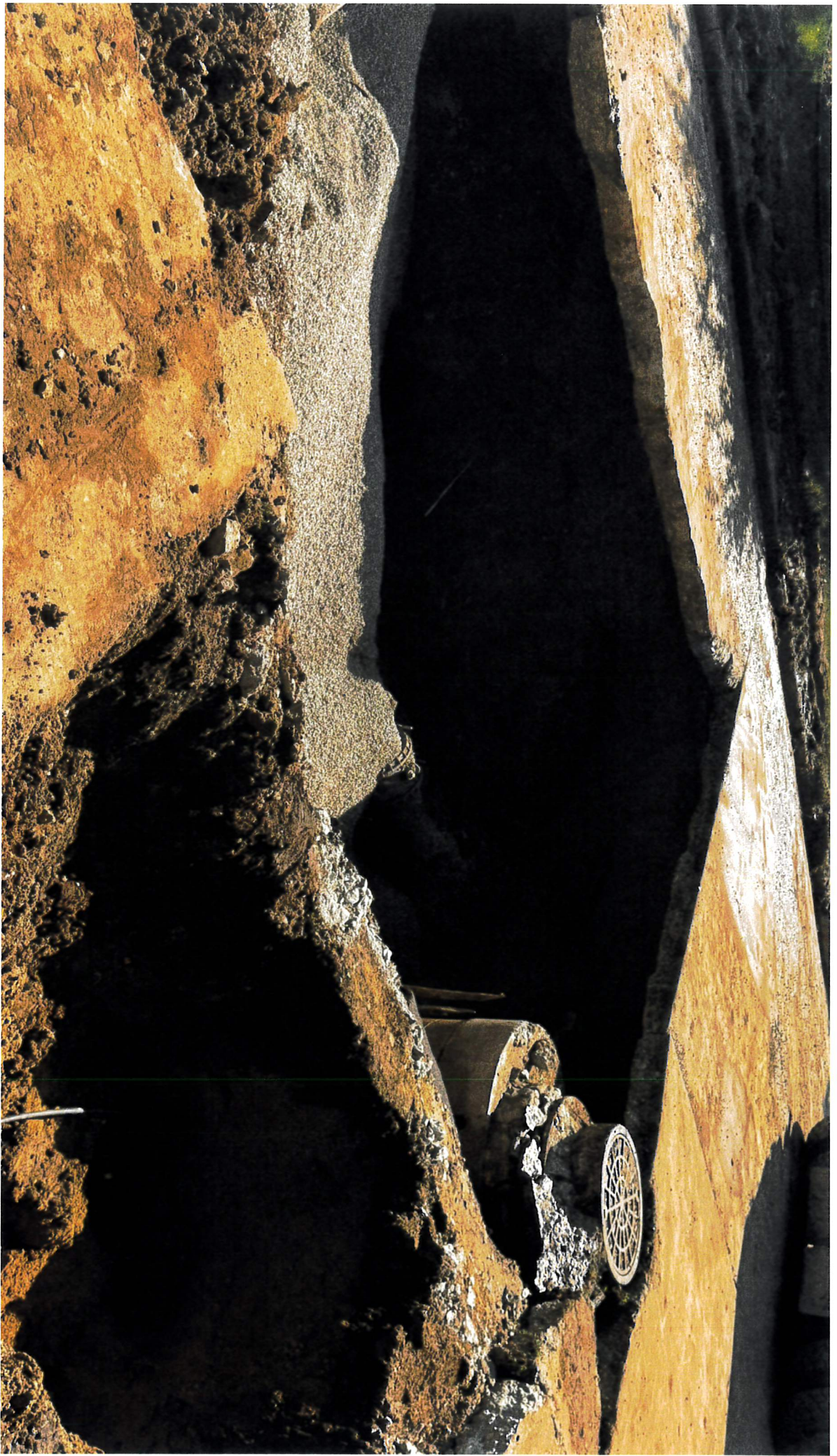


Pipe to out  
house  
Street view









hde in  
Pool









Swer.  
main





broken gas  
line



cracked / S  
pipe / hole







11c head cracked  
+ the blown out





Gas line to house