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**From:** Jennings rountree <justjennings@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2016 4:08 PM  
**To:** Haley, Nikki  
**Subject:** Realtor Complaint

I am writing to file a complaint about a real estate agent/property manager named Orin McCameron (spelling uncertain, REL 19075) of O'Max Real Estate Services in Summerville.

In August, 2015, I moved to 522 Sarah Street in Charleston in a roommate situation with Steven Ayres. From September, 2015 until April, 2016, I paid my rent faithfully and on time by cheque made out to O'Max Realty, and each cheque was accepted and cashed. I have been told by others in the real estate business that the acceptance of cheques from me rather than solely from Mr. Ayres legally created an implied lease between O'Max Real Estate Services and myself.

Mr. Ayres turned out to be a drug dealer who was having marijuana mailed to the home under the name of Esteban Alvarez from a grower in Oregon. Difficulties arose from his illegal activities, and Mr. Ayres vacated the property without notice to me or the agent and had the water turned off on 21 April. I immediately informed O'Max of the departure on 22 April and contacted the Charleston Water System to have the water connected in my name. The water department said that I would have to provide a lease in my name to have the water turned on. I again contacted O'Max and informed the agent of the situation, but he refused to do anything. Although he had accepted my rent cheque for the month of April, he refused me access to water during the time for which I had already paid rent. From conversations with friends in the real estate business, I understand that accepting someone's money for rent and then refusing him access to water is illegal. Kimberly Ballenger from my doctor's office [(843) 402-2092] called O'Max to try to resolve the situation and can verify that the agent refused me access to water. Water is a necessity, and this is a serious violation. I suspect that the agent's real estate license should be revoked; illegal activities by people in positions of trust should not be tolerated. Also, public utilities should not be allowed to deny service to individuals without cause. My water bill from when I lived downtown was paid in full, and I believe I even had a credit for 97 cents which was never refunded to me.

On 27 April, I was served a notice to vacate in ten days which is hardly sufficient to find another place, pack, and move, especially since I am disabled. I am writing to you in hope that you will forward this complaint to the appropriate person at the Real Estate Commission. I was told on the phone that I would have to complete a complaint form online, but none of the options apply.

I did inform the Charleston Police, the Drug Enforcement Agency, my mail carrier, and the Postal Inspector of my former roommate's receiving illegal drugs through the mail, a federal offense.

Thank you for any assistance you may provide.

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