

Spencer Young in court today

Courtyard owner charged with resisting arrest

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The man who stirred controversy as owner of The Courtyard of Chapel Hill will appear in court today for a hearing on **two counts of resisting, delaying and obstructing law enforcement officers.**

Spencer Young, who was at the center of threats and financial disputes when he owned the West Franklin Street shopping center, was arrested by Orange County Sheriff's deputies on Feb. 2 at his condominium at 134 Meadowmont Village Circle.

Young could not be reached for comment.

He had received multiple notices from Paragon Commercial Bank directing him to pay debt owed by his business, Spencer C. Young Investments Inc. Young refused to pay the sum, claiming his business had no assets, said Maj. Charles Blackwood of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. The bank then foreclosed on his home and bought it at a Dec. 10 public auction.

But Young didn't leave, Blackwood said. When presented with a court order to leave the condo on Jan. 29, he refused to open the door to law enforcement officers, saying the order wasn't valid and he had a constitutional right to protect his home and family, Orange County Sheriff reports state.

Fearing the safety of its officers and Young's neighbors, the sheriff's department decided not to pursue Young, Blackwood said.

We had been informed that Young had a gun and that his fiancée and an infant might be inside the home," Blackwood said. Officers kept an eye on Young's home during the weekend, waiting for him to leave, he said.

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On Feb. 2, officers called in the Special Emergency Response Team, which broke in the door using a battering ram, Blackwood said.

When Young didn't follow instructions to keep his hands above his head, he was shot with a Taser and taken to the Orange County Jail, reports state. The magistrate, concerned about Young's mental stability, sent him to UNC Hospitals where he was evaluated and released, Blackwood said.

While Young owned The Courtyard, he was often the center of controversy, some tenants and acquaintances said.

"I'm scared of the guy," said P. H. Craig, who owns most of the parking lot that serves The Courtyard.

Craig said Young refused to pay rent for parking spots. Craig said he eventually closed off parking spaces that he owned to Courtyard tenants and shoppers.

When some of Young's tenants, such as 3CUPS coffee shop managing partner Lex Alexander, went directly to Craig to lease parking spaces, Young sent more threatening e-mails to recipients that included Alexander and former mayor Kevin Foy:

"If I ever catch you in another one of your under-minded subversive dirty tricks ... I will personally break your f---ing nose in a manner that will be so devastating, you will be reminded of your incorrigibility every time you look in the mirror."

Alexander said he left The Courtyard shortly after.

Young's hearing will be held at the county district court in Hillsborough.

Note: The fallacious themes noted herein are well-documented; however, in this instance, there were other more disturbing falsehoods (highlighted), intended to cover-up: Paragon's fraudulent foreclosure on a mortgage that was NEVER late, NOT delinquent, and PAID-IN-FULL, the denial of rights, widespread corruption and attempted assassination.