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## Trial date set in trash-filled home case

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ROCHESTER — A trial date has been set for a local woman who was vacated from her home in June after code enforcement and police officers found nine months worth of trash and animal feces covering its floors.

Keni-Lynn Mone, 38, of 7 South Blueberry Lane, Rochester, is scheduled to go to trial on Sept. 12 in Rochester District Court on two counts of Class A misdemeanor child endangerment and one count of Class B misdemeanor animal cruelty.

Mone had been scheduled for arraignment Monday following her June 23 arrest, although her attorney waived that arraignment while entering a plea of not guilty on July 13.

Mone was charged after the Rochester Department of Building, Zoning and Licensing visited her manufactured home June 23 after a rat complaint.

Mone was issued a notice to vacate due to the conditions inside the home, which also led the Division of Children, Youth and Families to remove two children and Rochester's animal control officer to remove a dog and a cat.

Rochester Compliance Officer Joe Devine said he saw various types of household trash covering the floors of the home's kitchen, living room, bathroom, hallways, and one of the two bedrooms. He said the trash included pizza boxes, juice containers and empty cans of soda, SpaghettiOs, and vegetables.

"The homeowner told us she had not taken the trash out since September of last year," Devine has said. "As we walked through, we were just walking through trash all over the entire place."

In addition to trash, city officials found decaying rodent carcasses as well as an overwhelming smell due to traces of dog, cat and rodent feces and urine throughout the home. The home’s floor was also “spongy,” presumably due to the refuse or animal waste, Devine has said.

The exterminator who mitigated the home’s rat infestation has called it the worst he has ever seen, city officials have said.

Updates about 7 South Blueberry Lane’s condition and the status of the order to vacate weren’t immediately available Monday.

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