

UWM AREA LANDLORD FINED \$7,700.00

On 12/6/07, in Municipal Court, Steve M. Simon, through his attorney Matt Lerner, entered a No Contest Plea and was found guilty of 3 citations for illegal rooming houses at 3329 N Oakland, 2952 N Cramer & 2946 N. Cramer, as well as a citation for doing alterations without a permit at 3329 N. Oakland. Fines imposed total \$7,700. The payment of those fines are due on 3/8/08. Mr Simon was facing maximum fines totaling \$28,187, had he been found guilty in a trial. These citations were a result of (see history with Hamden)

This is the first use of the higher fines for over-renting apartment units. Previously, \$500 was the maximum fine. Now, \$2500 is the minimum fine with a maximum of \$5000 per violation. The increased penalties are meant to be a deterrent to off-set the lucrative profits landlords can make by illegally using their properties.