

## McCracken Drug Lab, 206 6<sup>th</sup> Kelso, WA



What if your house was once a Meth Lab? Would you know? If so, is there anything you could do to make sure it had been cleaned up? This is what Bob did. He had purchased his house in 2007. This year he finished the renovations and planned to sell. His realtor asked him if his house had ever been a meth lab. He said he was pretty sure the answer was no. The realtor explained if he did not know for sure he could be held responsible for selling a house that had once been a meth lab. Bob was not sure where to start.

Imagine my surprise when one afternoon right before closing, I receive a call from Bob. He would like to come in and view records from the Department of Ecology. He explained he was on the hunt for proof his home he was about to sell, had been cleaned up.



I had never heard of such a thing but assured him I would pull the record and we would take a look to see what it had to say. When he arrived, I asked him how he knew to contact the Department of Ecology. He said it had not been easy, but he had talked to the local law

enforcement and found their records concerning the history of his house and he was told to contact the Department of Ecology for proof of the actual clean up.

As we opened the record, he was amazed at the condition of his house. He wanted copies of everything and had come with a camera to take pictures of the pictures. Once he made his copies, he offered to show me what the house looked like now.



The house had been cleaned up by Olympus Environmental Inc. In their letter to the Department of Ecology, Olympus Environmental explains the tenants of the house were present as they investigated the damage to the house and surrounding property. This is in spite of the fact the Cowlitz County Health Department had posted a sign on the door and told them they could not enter the house. The tenant was arrested on site.