



RESTAURANT REPORT: Mice droppings in a second cafe in strip mall

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SHORT PUMP, VA (WWBT) -

Just a few weeks ago, NBC 12 told you about mice droppings in a sub shop in Short Pump.

Now, another restaurant in the same strip mall also had mice droppings on its health inspection reports.

That led to questions about if mice are a problem in the building, which includes a grocery store.

Mice droppings turned up in the March health inspection reports of Peter Chang Cafe at 11424 West Broad Street in Short Pump.

The restaurant had five critical violations, plus it says "numerous mouse droppings noted in the kitchen" and there were "holes in the walls where entry may be an issue."

The report also said a "dead roach was found floating in the rice scoop container."

Three of the critical violations were corrected while the inspector was on-site.

When the inspector returned the next week, the report still showed two critical violations and "traps were not set up" with "droppings observed."

When the inspector went back another week after that, the report says traps and glue boards had been placed, pest control had come that week, and no droppings were noted.

Co-owner Gen Lee told NBC12 they had pest control services all along, but it was not sufficient, and mice came from a vacant restaurant next door.

He said the problem has been solved and points out other restaurants have also had pest problems.

NBC 12 recently reported an inspector found mice droppings in Jersey Mike's in the same strip mall.

The manager had it cleaned and treated for pests and said there were no more signs of them, showing us the cleaned areas in a later report.

Additionally, the manager of a non-food business in the strip mall tells us they spotted a mouse and set a trap.

Since the Walmart grocery store is adjacent, NBC12 obtained its last inspection report from the State Agriculture Department.

Their report says there was no sign of insects or rodents. A call to Walmart corporate offices and the strip mall property owner for additional information was not returned.

A different property manager whose not responsible for this building told us pest control is generally the tenant's responsibility in strip malls.

Hall of Fame Award

It has been a string of perfect inspections for Reed and Nancy's Funnelcakes. NBC12 gave their food truck our Hall of Fame Award for earning perfect scores on nine health inspections since they opened four years ago.

"It's a very impressive award to receive," said co-owner Reed DeBois. "It makes all my hard work worthwhile. We do a lot of cleaning on this trailer and after every event its full of powdered sugar and grease and funnel cakes."