



Rat feces, live cockroach found at Valley Plaza restaurant; closed by health department

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The Kern County Department of Public Health shut down a restaurant inside the Valley Plaza Mall for several food-safety violations and poor sanitation practices.

Ruby Thai Kitchen inside the mall was closed yesterday and was still closed Thursday afternoon.

Inspectors found a hole in the wall near the food prep area and rodent feces throughout the facility.

They also discovered a rodent infestation and a live cockroach near the food prep area.

The restaurant also lacked soap and paper towels at the hand-washing sink in the kitchen.

According to the report from the department, the restaurant was cited for poor food handling practices, overall sanitation, and maintenance of the facility.