

I have learned that a northwest side Milwaukee home that police say was being used as a drug house is in foreclosure to a state agency, the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. The owner of the house, Regina Sims, is a Milwaukee city employee whose duties include evicting people from drug houses. Sims is accused of using the home on W. Rio Avenue as a drug house. Her son and another man are also being charged.

The state agency known as WHEDA filed a foreclosure action against Sims in 2013. WHEDA spokesman Kevin Fischer says Sims filed for bankruptcy last year, an action that put the foreclosure process on hold. Public records indicate that WHEDA is the owner of the home, because of the filed foreclosure action.

Fischer tells me that following news of the police investigation into the house, the agency is asking the bankruptcy court to release the house from the bankruptcy proceedings so foreclosure can continue.

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