

185668232's c19 Story:

I moved into my 11237 train-car style studio as a sublet the last week of February 2020 but then c19 happened and I was furloughed with an immense amount of indecision about what could happen, so I signed a lease. He changed the price and deal of not asking for security deposit between saying out loud and as I was signing. He changed the lease the same week I signed and tried to have me sign a 2nd form of the lease, but I refused. I did not even have to let him know I was here since he had an illegal deal with the previous tenant who had not lived in the apartment for over 3 months, just Air BnB'ing the back room and no one other than myself took the space as a sublet, but I was desperate to save. C19 took my job and prevented the lease lady to get back to this apartment from California until May but I was here the last week of February as its' own emergency move from previous evil landlords who also tried to have me evicted during c19. So I had to contact the building repair man when there were a full family of mice in my place - I got them out without killing ANY of them long before the landlord even sent assistance. I paid my half rent I agreed to pay as a sublease until May just before I had my resident intern move into my space to learn how to operate the audio video technology I am paid to use. The lease lady came and emptied the space and I paid my rent on time until July when my landlord had a temper tantrum in my apartment about essential repairs being required and threatened me to feel like I should not ask for my human rights of a simple safe and satisfying home lease. I had to get a police report made to show him that he cannot push me or anyone around. I have been dealing with a missing light fixture in the ceiling, a leaking toilet and shower, a broken door and had to clean my own fridge and empty all cabinets of previous tenants' trash. A month later, my landlord broke into my apartment 2 days in a row in August. Day 1 was late at night and quite frightening. I recorded my door begin to open but the chain stopped it and I pushed the door closed, probably scaring them away. At that moment, I emailed my landlord knowing he is the only one with keys to that door that I still have not changed. I told him I will be changing the locks and that I will be pressing charges once I get the video recordings from the hallway from him. He did not respond to my text message. Day 2, my landlord had the cops break into my apartment while I was streaming live online learning with one of my sponsors for the video software I use as my nonprofit 501c3 day job replacing my regular day job. It was so embarrassing having to leave the tutorial to deal with landlord and cops trying to open the door with the dinky chain lock on from inside preventing their entrance. They then went around to the other bedroom door, unlocked and opened it to me standing not dressed holding my video camera recording being more polite than the landlord and the new building maintenance guy who actually likes me. I listened to the lies the landlord was telling the cops through the door before they

opened it as he told them I was not responding, but in reality, he was the one not answering. No one even knocked on the door, no notice. Those police who let him break into my apartment were telling him his excuse was not valid but allowed him with protection anyway... I asked them to write me a report for their own breaking in but I ended up having to call another group of cops the same day to place my 2nd police report against the landlord. Now it is September and I have not paid rent since he freaked out in July. I intend on staying here longer than he is alive since I have my 420a IRS form for property tax exempt status paperwork here and I am very close to all the work I came to NYC to be around since my parents died. But he sent me 2 papers saying he is collecting money. They are attached. I spoke with someone before saying he might send these as a hold over for non payment and for me to respond with harassment, but I don't know how to do that officially. I have filled out several forms online that people recommended but I am being sure everything is secure and asking you for help with what to do next. I want to make him deals to pay back the debt and/or not have to pay back the debt in exchange for all the emotional and physical stress he has caused me.

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