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Cantamar



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Jay,

Pedro came to me a couple of weeks ago and told me the Baja Pirates said I had vandalized their boats, shit on their bench, stolen gas, put water in their gas, and other things which of course are false accusations. Pedro demanded I apologize, would not listen to me in any way, and told me if I did not apologize to the Pirates I would have to leave. I of course did not apologize, but have stopped saying anything to the Pirates when they disturb the marina.

We later went to pay, about a week later, and were told Pedro told the office not to take our money. We paid our attorney \$15,000MXN retainer to handle the matter, specifically by paying the rent to the courts so that Pedro cannot claim we have not paid rent.

Pedro came to my ship this past Saturday and demanded to know when we were planning to leave. He would not listen as he has not listened at all when we try to tell him my ship is disabled and we cannot leave until we do the repairs, which cannot be done while we live on the ship, and which we have asked Pedro to merely allow us to use otherwise unused Cantamar facilities (an unused condo, plus the shop we already prepared*)

We have asked my attorney to talk to Pedro. This was supposed to have happened yesterday. Our attorney is not reliable or trustworthy and we are looking for another.

If Pedro will not relent, I have a plan to remedy the situation, but it will be an end-game scenario for Pedro, as I will air my grievances publicly, and contact conservation organizations to seek help in advocating to get this place shut down. I am hopeful that it will not come to this, but I have to protect myself and will do so at Pedro's expense as I do not deserve to be sacrificed so that Pedro can continue to run his business as he does, treating Cantamar as no more than a boatyard for his untaxed liveaboard dive business.

I should note that I pay \$2,200MXN per month for this slip. I assume that Pedro is upset that I am paying so little and "complaining so much," but as I explained to Neftalin, who is helping us in this matter, we tolerate a lot and do not complain anywhere near as much as we should. Indeed, if we did complain, we could be a great deal more trouble than Pedro claims we are, which is why he said he wants us to leave his marina. By the way, we have it in writing from Pedro that he charges so little because of the condition of the marina and that when it is repaired and upgraded, the rates will go up.

Legally speaking, Pedro cannot have us removed. We have lived here for three years and in Mexico that gives us squatter's rights, as long as we are fulfilling our obligations as established when I came here originally. I am not concerned about this from a legal standpoint, but I am concerned because Pedro is already violating the law, having threatened us with deportation, and cutting off our internet, which we have paid for even if Pedro has not accepted the payment.

Pedro also insists that he is not responsible for the damage to my ship. This is in part because you never informed him of the damage to your ship and his liability for it. Pedro stated explicitly that he does not believe my ship was damaged because, as he said, it was the only ship damaged. Yours was the only ship plugged into the same circuit, and you lost your inverter, charger, and batteries if I recall correctly.

Pedro's issues with me are precisely why this place is so poorly run. Pedro manages the place by phone, email, and Whatsapp and trusts whomever is on the other end telling him what is going on. These people know this, and accuse others of their faults in order to keep from looking bad to Pedro, or worse, they will accuse me of something to make themselves look better. Pedro will believe them no matter what, and he won't even look at the evidence provided by his own security cameras, and refuses to see the photographs I have taken of the Pirates tearing up the marina in one way or another. Pedro seems to believe I have no right to enjoy this place, and ignores the fact that I contribute significantly and act as night security as well as managing the marina (which I don't do anymore because Pedro said he doesn't want my help.)

As I said, if Pedro does not back down and at least leave us alone until we can safely leave on our own in December, we will take legal action and simultaneously I will probably start writing reviews online and posting photographs of the many, many times diesel has been spilled in the marina, as well as the other problems around here we have documented. I will also contact environmental organizations to begin a campaign to pressure the Mexican government to investigate this place for its pollution and other violations which harm the very ecosystem Pedro capitalizes on and subsequently pays no taxes to use. I will also look into what other legal action I can take.

I do not know where to go if things get bad here, but we will probably go to anchor and park our vehicles in storage until we can get repaired enough to make it out of La Paz. We are still trying to get the place next door - speaking of which, Stephanie has not been at all helpful, she does not believe the facts about the property and took us to a lawyer who, without any facts, attempted to tell us what is going on and which contradicted our documented facts about the property.

Anyway, that's about it. Your boat is okay and we keep an eye on it and will continue to do so. As I said, Pedro cannot legally force us to leave the marina and we will stay until December. Our only request of Pedro is for use of a condo for no more than three months so we can repair the damages his marina did to our ship and I have offered to pay \$10,000MXN per month to cover our use of resources of Cantamar while we do the repairs. Quite fair of me I think.

I hope your trip is going well. I recommend you consider looking into relocating your boat. Pedro's neglect of this place is increasing and his cash flow seems to be slowing. Given that an employee who complained about not receiving social security fell and was taken to hospital in an ambulance also on Saturday, Pedro is stressed financially and otherwise and with the new government coming in, the pressures on him may cause problems. I don't trust this place. But know this, if something happens, I need a place to stay and will take care of this place in order to maintain my place to live.

Sorry for rambling...brain damage sucks after all.

Let me know what questions you have if any.

(*prepared but cannot use. Pedro will not finish removing large items which prevent us from fully using the shop.)

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