

Woolford evicted from home

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Viv Woolford, whose townhouse 89 at 400 Mississauga Valley Blvd. became the focus for a national campaign against high mortgage interest rates, was evicted Sunday.

Officials from the sheriff's office enforced an eviction notice. Mr. Woolford had failed to pay either his first or second mortgage payments for many months.

He quit his job as a car salesman several months ago to concentrate on publicizing the campaign against mortgage rates. Mr. Woolford originally planned to organize a national lobby group for homeowners as a result, but dropped that idea in favor of organizing a national political party.

He and his family have moved in with his brother in Scarborough.

Other members of the condominium development's group of 18 homeowners who originally held back payments in protest, have all been paying the first mortgages on their homes. There are 11 families left in the group.

One of the owners, Wayne Haviland, says they have been taking the money for the second mortgage, at 12 per cent interest, and putting it into the bank. The owners balked when the second mortgage holder, Berne Developments Ltd., tried to increase the interest rates by five per cent. Berne has taken the homeowners to court to try to win possession of the units. The owners have countered with legal action of their own.