

LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Board of Health Meeting on July 23, 2026
New Building, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – David Karmol

David Karmol, President, called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. A Roll Call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

Present: David Karmol, Ted Kaczorowski, Richard Munk, MD, Cheryl Crowder, Susan Postal, Dr. Donna Woodson, and Barbara Sarantou, and Matthew Sapara

Excused: Amr Elaskary, Sonia Flunder-McNair, Paul Komisarek, and Johnathon Ross, MD

II. Introduction of Guests – Karim Baroudi

Staff and Visitors: Karim Baroudi, Shannon Jones, Kevin A. Pituch (LC Prosecutor), Angie Bauman, Wendy Davis, Tina Stokes, Brandon Palinski, Kendra Siville, Scott Francis, Jen Gottschalk, Dr. Lawrence Monger, Councilwoman, Dr. Brittany Jones (City of Toledo), Andrea Morrow (City of Toledo Council), Crystal Bonham-Hall (ONA), Ellen Gaietto (AFSCME), Jodi Vaughan, Jessica Steinman, and Adrienne Briner.

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

1. Add: Purchasing policy review for Audit/Finance Committee
2. Add: Grants - \$293,638.00 HIV award
3. Add: Discussion on the department will end the use of manager agreements and change-of-ownership requests for food service and retail food establishment licensing. All requirements will follow the ORC, with a resolution to approve the change next month.
4. Add: Environmental Health approval of Temporary fees for food, campground and time limited body that all payments are final and irrevocable.

IV. Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes

(Resolution 127-26) A motion was made by Barbara Sarantou and seconded by Ted Kaczoroski to Approve the Minutes of June 25, 2026, Regular Board of Health Meeting. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

V. Medical Director's Report – Lawrence Monger, MD

Dr. Monger reported that the U.S. is experiencing a significant Cyclospora outbreak, with approximately 11,500 reported cases, though the number may be underreported due to diagnostic delays. The outbreak is heavily affecting local medical practices and emergency departments, with some patients receiving treatment by phone. Northwest Ohio case numbers are updated daily on the department's website. Potential contributing factors include public health budget cuts, reduced Food Net surveillance, and decreased food inspection at the border. The outbreak has resulted in hospitalizations but no reported

deaths. Testing of lettuce associated with Taylor Farm may have been missed. Antibiotic treatment is recommended to prevent prolonged symptoms.

VI. Prior Business/New Business/Health Commissioner's Update – Karim Baroudi

- **Proposed Revisions to the Board of Health Bylaws**
 - Copies of the proposed revisions to the Board of Health Bylaws provided to all board members.
 - Board of Health members should review the proposed changes before the August meeting.
 - The committee structure will be revised to four standing committees, with the remaining committees dissolved and their responsibilities absorbed by the Committee of the Whole.
 - Recommended changes should be submitted within 30 days, with Karim and Amr included in any questions or proposed revisions.
- **Dr. Woodson (Maumee) and Ms. Postal (Toledo) reappointment**
 - Dr. Woodson and Susan Postal's terms are scheduled to expire at the end of July.
 - Dr. Woodson has been reappointed by Maumee for another four-year term
 - Susan Postal has been nominated and is awaiting approval from Toledo City Council.
 - Kevin Pituch stated that the appointed Board of Health member remains a voting member and can continue serving until a replacement is appointed, ensuring the position remains active.
- **Cyclosporiasis Outbreak**
 - The Health Department's call center was activated.
 - QR codes were implemented for confirmed cases to complete interviews and provide data for collection.
 - Media outreach was conducted, with updates and information provided through the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department website dashboard.
 - Concerns were raised about urgent care kits and the potential for antibiotic resistance.
 - Local labs, particularly ProMedica, are experiencing significant testing backlogs due to the high volume of cases. Additional equipment was purchased to reduce processing time by approximately one week. Mercy is also experiencing delays because tests are being sent out.
 - Ohio Department of Health case counts only include cases after interviews are completed, which explains why their reported numbers are lower than local counts.
 - Consideration of potential false positives may be contributing to delays in diagnosis.
- **Jerusalem Township and Eastern Lucas County Flooding**
 - Heavy rainfall of 6–7 inches raised concerns about contamination of wells and septic systems. Emily, the disaster planner, assisted with the response.
 - The Environmental Health Director is reviewing the flooding concerns and its potential impact on local residents.
 - Board of Health members received links to the video by email prior to the meeting. Other jurisdictions have also requested to share the department's materials in their areas.

- **Hazardous Air Quality Response**

- Citizens requested that the Health Department shut down outdoor events, but the department does not have the regulatory authority to do so. Guidance was provided to reduce outdoor exposure, wear masks, monitor conditions, and keep windows and doors closed.
- Sarah Velliquette was quickly immersed in the Cyclospora outbreak response and subsequent wildfire-related air quality concerns, providing valuable hands-on experience.
- Shannon provided a Cyclospora update, noting increased media inquiries from local and national outlets that required the team to divide responsibilities. Local case numbers were based on ODRS data but differed from Ohio Department of Health counts due to differences in how cases are collected and reported.

VII. Open Forum Discussion

- **Renovations Update on Future Public Health Building at 1933 Spielbusch**

- Everything remains on track, with continued bidding for demolition of the old building and frequent communication. The move is currently expected to take place at the end of October.
- Weekly meetings continue, with an in-person meeting scheduled to review changes, revisions, and overall progress.
- Moving logistics will be planned soon, with a potential temporary closure for several days to set up operations at the new location. A long weekend may be used to minimize weekday closures.
- The fiber loop has been installed in the building to provide internet connectivity.

A. Personnel Committee – Barbara Sarantou

The Personnel Committee met on Thursday, July 16, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 128-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Ted Kaczorowski to Approve the Personnel committee report. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

B. Environmental Health Committee – David Karmol

The Environmental Health Committee met on Thursday, July 16, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 129-26) On behalf of the committee, the motion to Approve the variance for 945 Albon Road, Holland, Ohio 43528 to the full board of Health has been moved and seconded. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 130-26) On behalf of the committee, the motion to Approve the variance for 4316 Eber Road, Monclova, Ohio 43537 to the full Board of Health has been moved and seconded. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 131-26) On behalf of the committee, the motion to Approve to move the Resolution to Dissolve the Recognition of Manager's Agreements and Change of Ownership Requests to the full Board of Health has been moved and seconded. If there are no objections, will take a voice vote. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 132-26) On behalf of the committee, the motion to Approve the full Board of Health for a vote to Approve the fees listed below as "All payments are final and irrevocable":

- a) Temporary Food Service Operation License fee
- b) Temporary Retail Food Establishment License fee
- c) Temporary Campground License fee
- d) Time Limited Body Art License fee

If there are no objections, will take a voice vote. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 133-26) On behalf of the committee, the motion to Approve the full Board of Health for a vote to Approve the state portion of the license/permit as non-refundable if the funds have been transferred to the proper state agency. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 134-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Susan Postal to Approve the Environmental Health committee report. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

C. Audit and Finance Committee – Ted Kaczorowski Co-Chair Presenting on behalf of Amr Elaskary

The Audit and Finance Committee met on Thursday, July 16, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 135-26) On behalf of the committee, a motion to Approve the payment of the June 2026 vouchers has been moved and seconded. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 136-26) On behalf of the committee, a motion to Approve the changes in revenue estimates and expense appropriations of \$1,817,156.36 for June 2026 has been moved and seconded. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Grants

- \$30,000.00, continuous grant from Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board for SOS 4.0 Y1 Carryover.
- \$90,000.00, continuation grant from Ohio Department of Health for Public Health Workforce Grant.
- \$15,300.00, continuation grant from Job and Family Services to support Cribs for Kids.
- \$118,895.00 from Ohio Department of Health for Get Vaccinated Ohio Public Health Initiative.
- \$238,862.00 from Ohio Department of Health for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.

- No cost extension to 03-31-2027 from the Ohio Department of Health for Harm Reduction Expansion due to delay in start date.

(Resolution 137-26) On behalf of the committee, a motion was made to apply and accept all grants listed above in June 2026 Audit Finance committee report. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOU's

- Reentry Coalition of Northwest Ohio that outlines the partnership for naloxone distribution at reentry coalition first Wednesdays per grant requirement.
- Ohio Department of Health to provide access to free Hepatitis C tests to all Project Dawn sites.

(Resolution 138-26) On behalf of the committee, a motion was made to Approve the above listed contracts, agreements, and/or MOUs listed above in June 2026 Audit Finance committee report. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 139-26) A motion was made to Approve the write-off of uncollectable amounts that are for dates of service at least 180 days or older. Total amount as amended \$2,506.75 for the month of June 2026. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 140-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Susan Postal to Approve the Audit and Finance committee report. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

D. Legal Update – Kevin Pituch

Legal report to be discussed in Executive Session.

E. Executive Session – Kevin Pituch

(Resolution 141-26) A motion was made by Dr. Donna Woodson and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(3). Conferences with an attorney of the public body as well as section (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official at 10:16 a.m. **Roll Call vote.** Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 142-26) A motion was made Dr. Donna Woodson and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to return to Regular Session of the Board of Health Meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

No action taken during Executive Session.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 24, 2026 – 1933 Spielbusch (New building)

October 22, 2026 – 1933 Spielbusch (New building)

November 19, 2026 – 1933 Spielbusch (New building)

(Resolution 143-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Signed By:

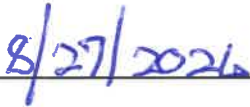


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Lucas County Regional Board of Health



Karim Baroudi, MPH, REHS
Secretary to the Board of Health

Date:



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August 27, 2026

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RE: JoJo's Pizzeria – Additional Proof and Documentation

Dear Board of Health Representatives:

As you know, this office represents JoJo's Pizzeria.

Since the hearing last week on Thursday August 20th the management and owner of JoJo's Pizzeria have continued to clean up, replace, and update various parts of the facility. Attached you will find 23 photographs showing before and after.

Management and the owner absolutely want to comply with all of the Health Department's regulations, and these continuing efforts to update the facility show proof of that.

Very truly yours,

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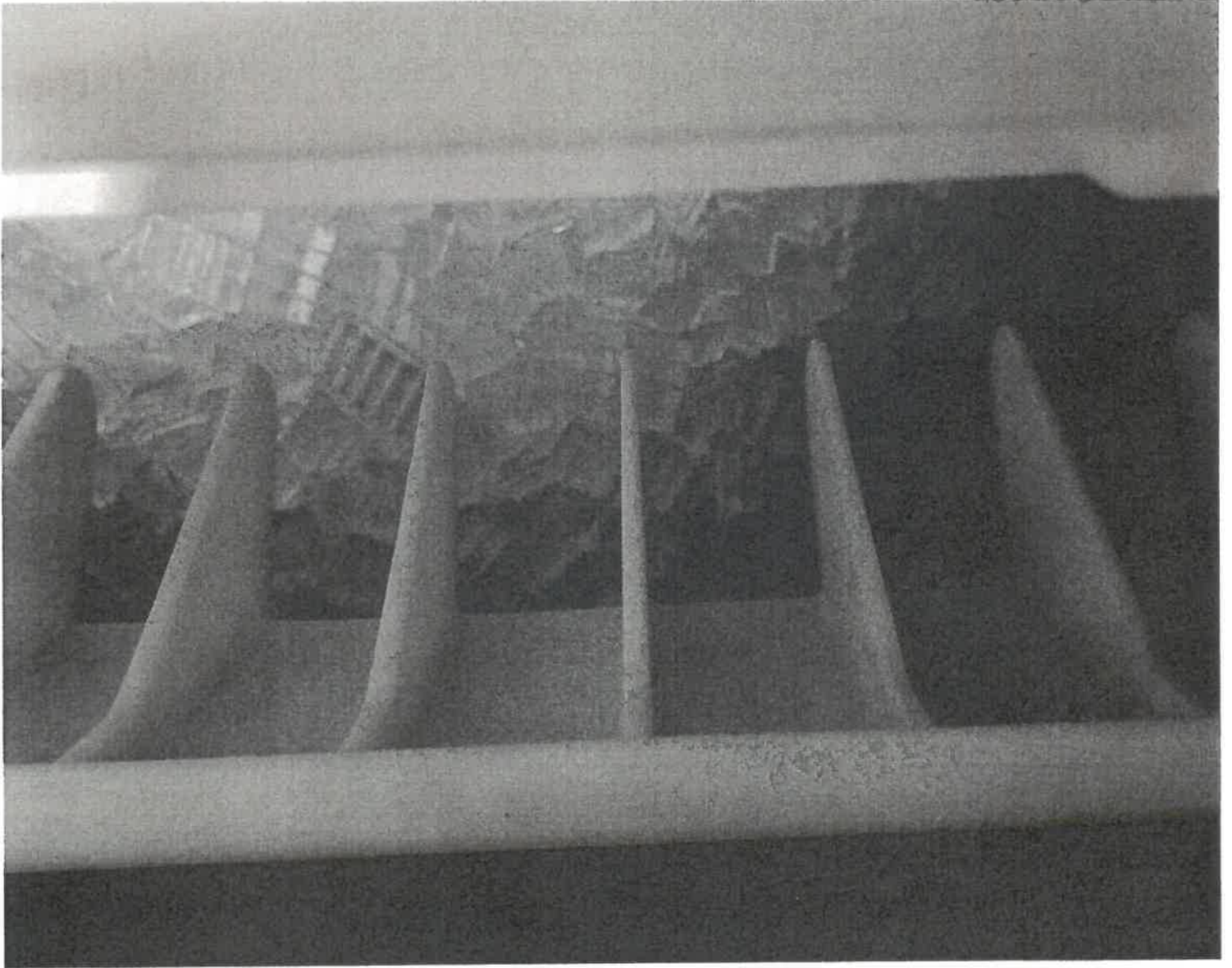
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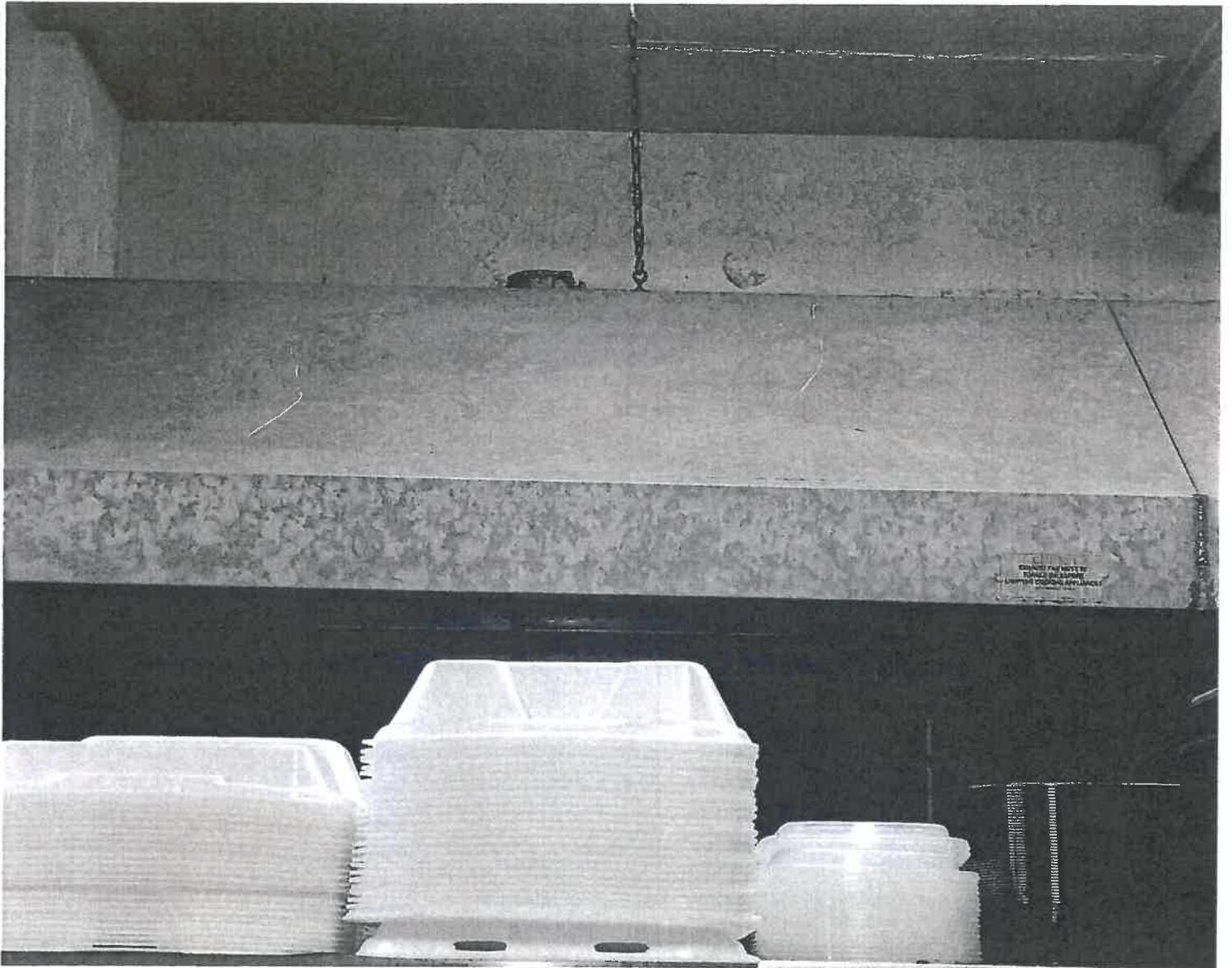
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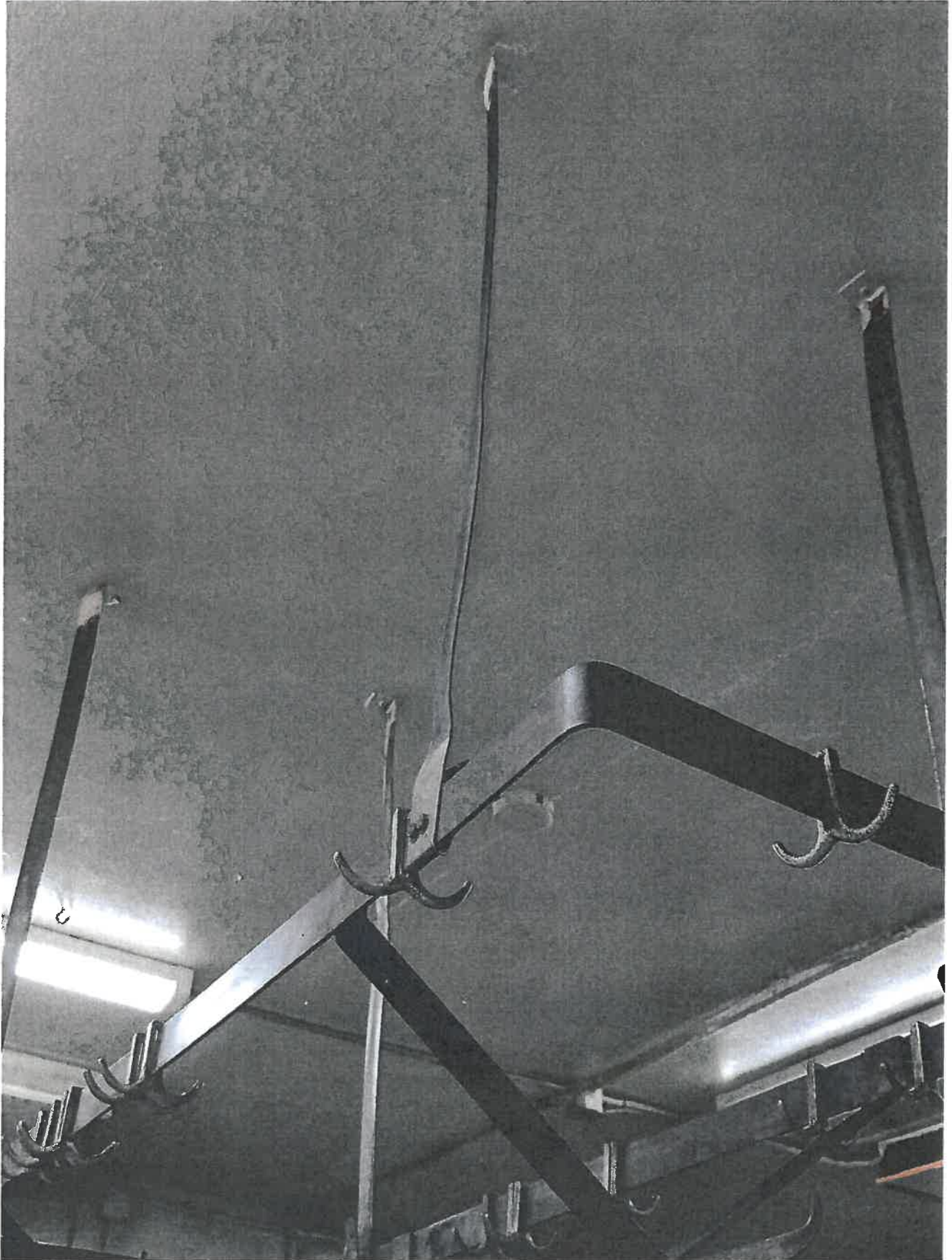
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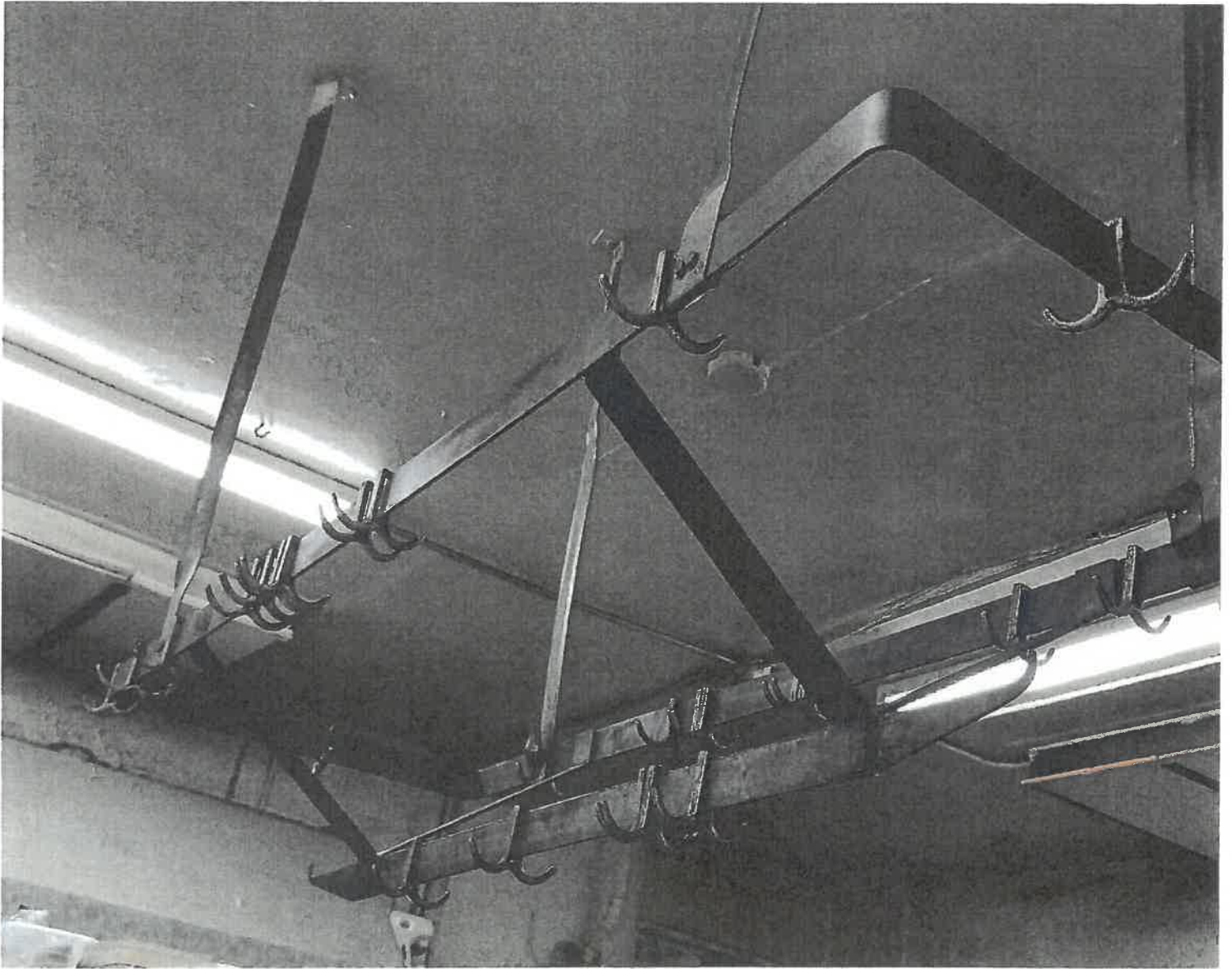
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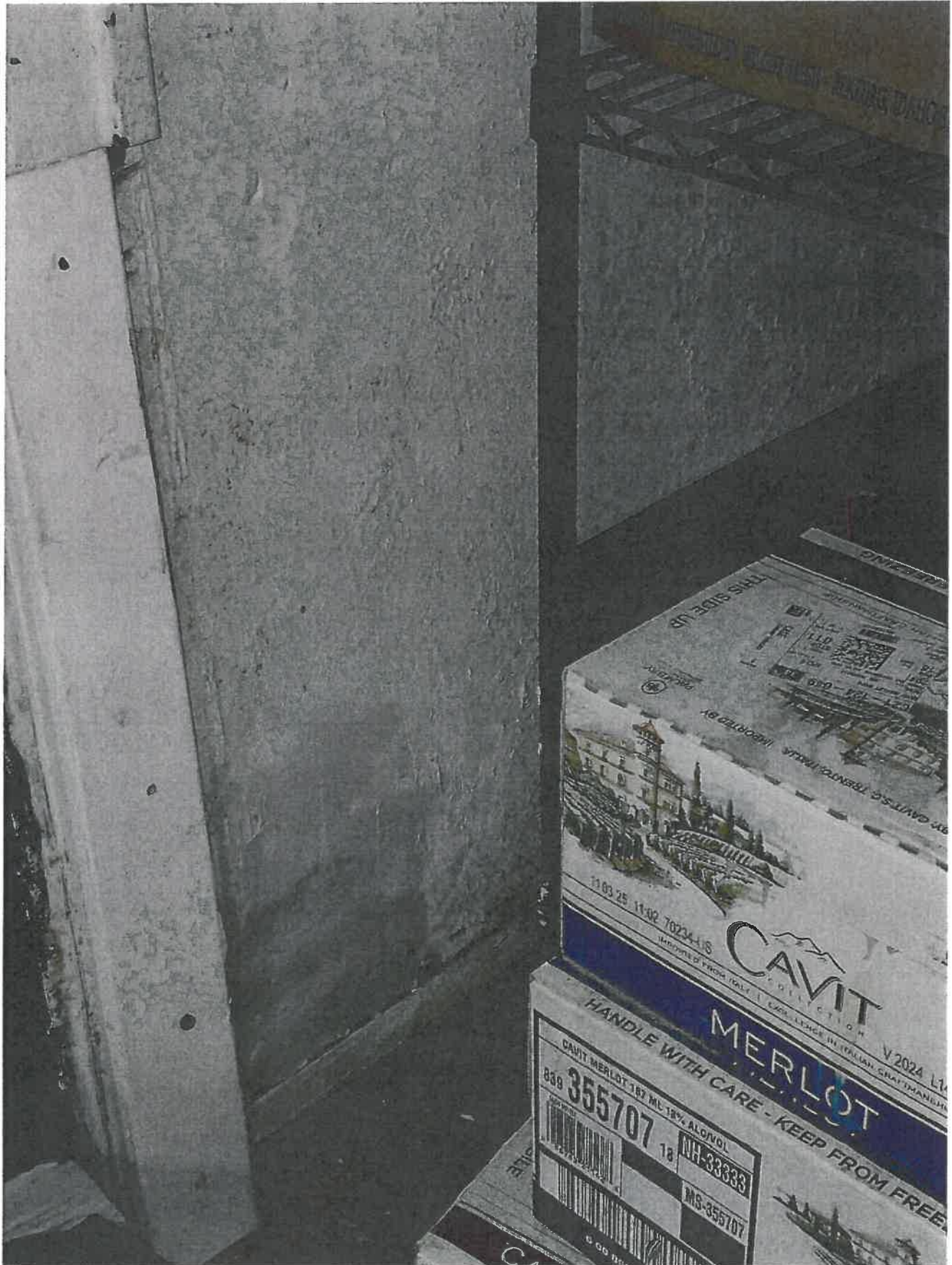
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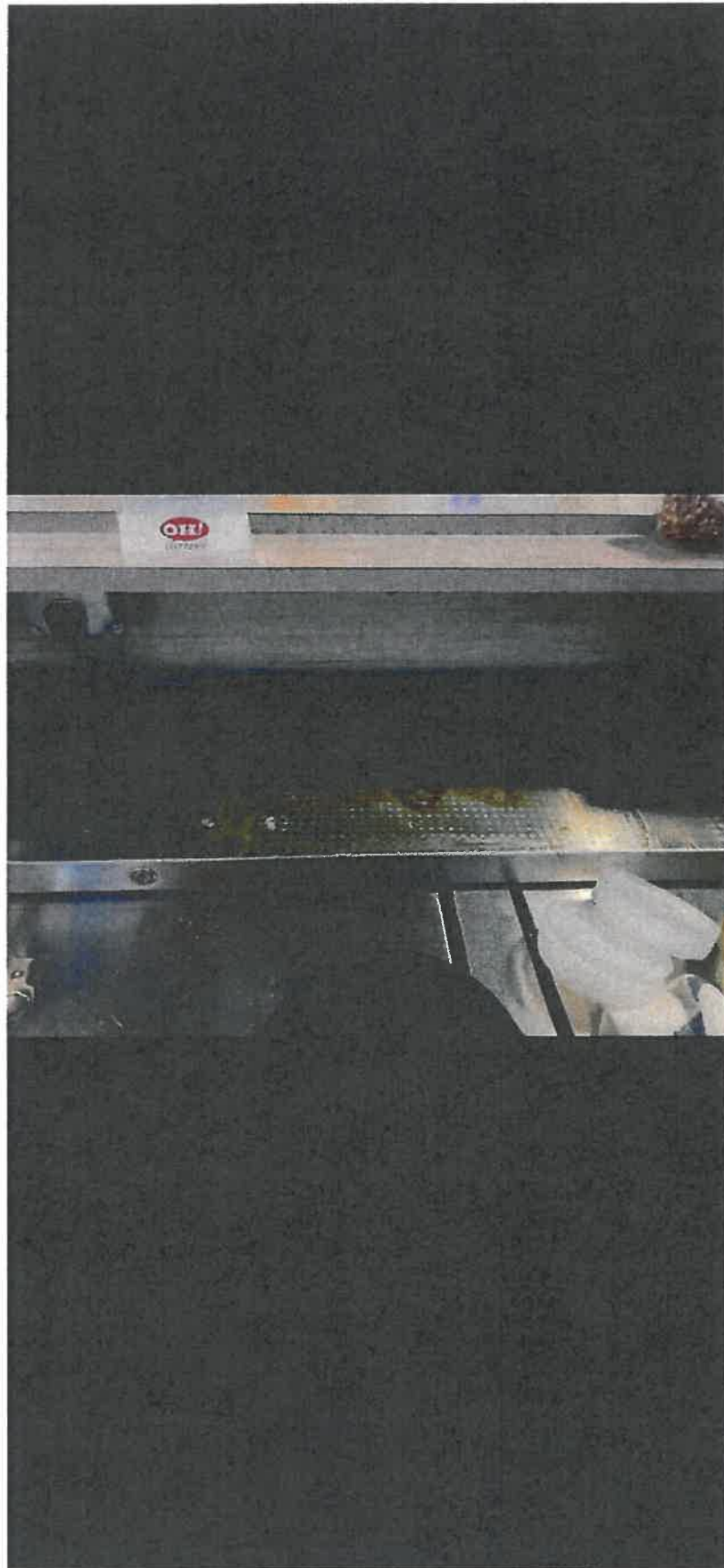
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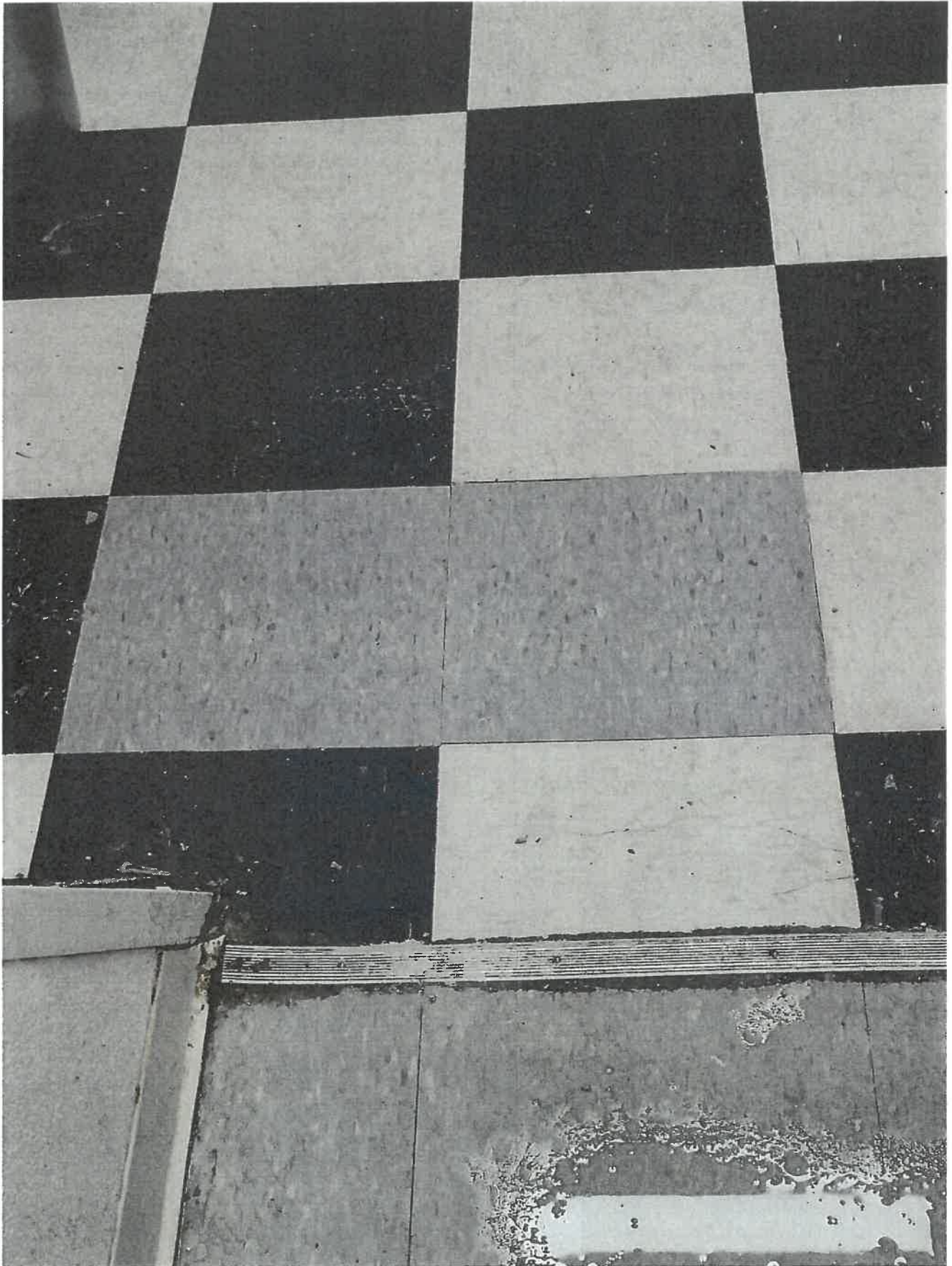
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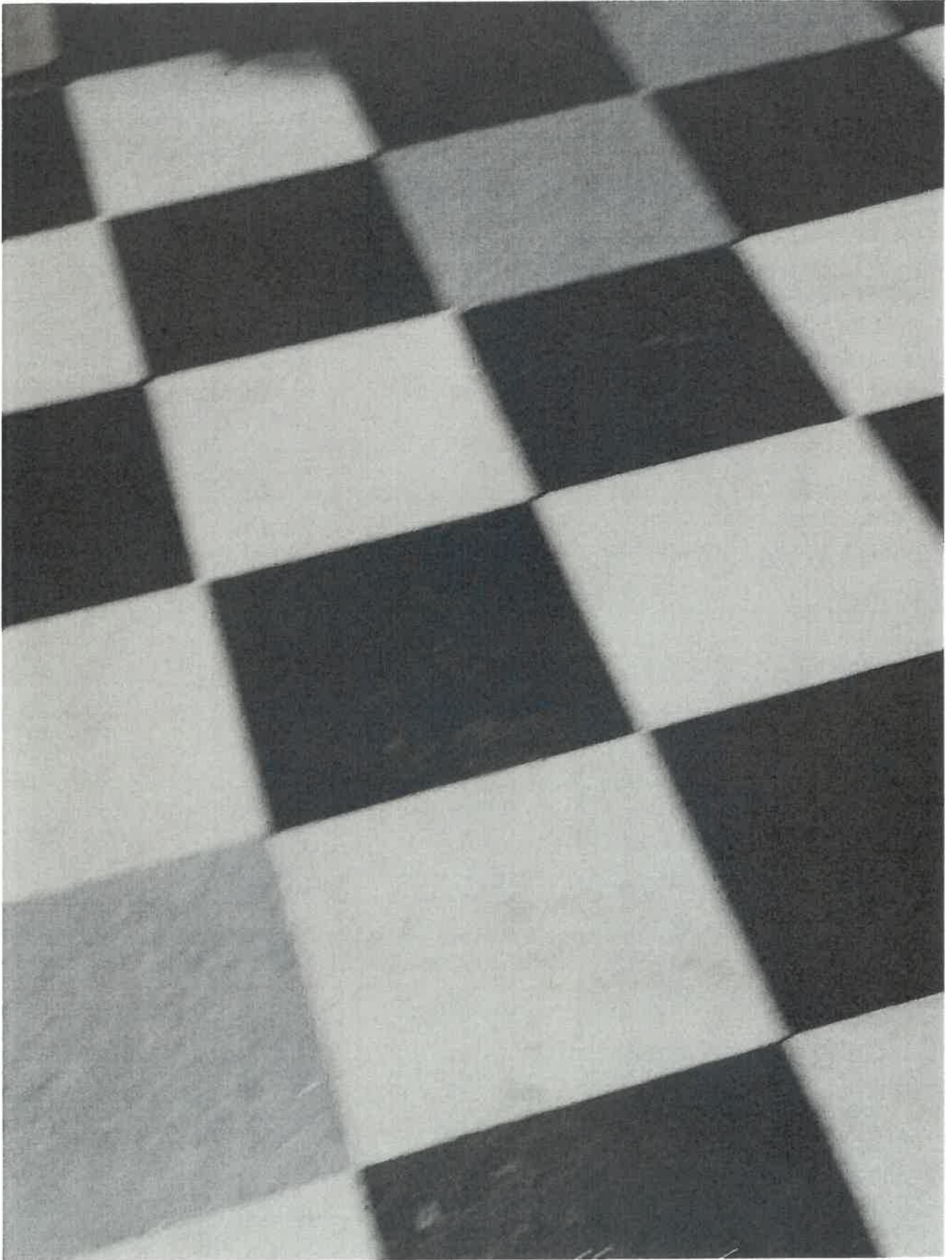
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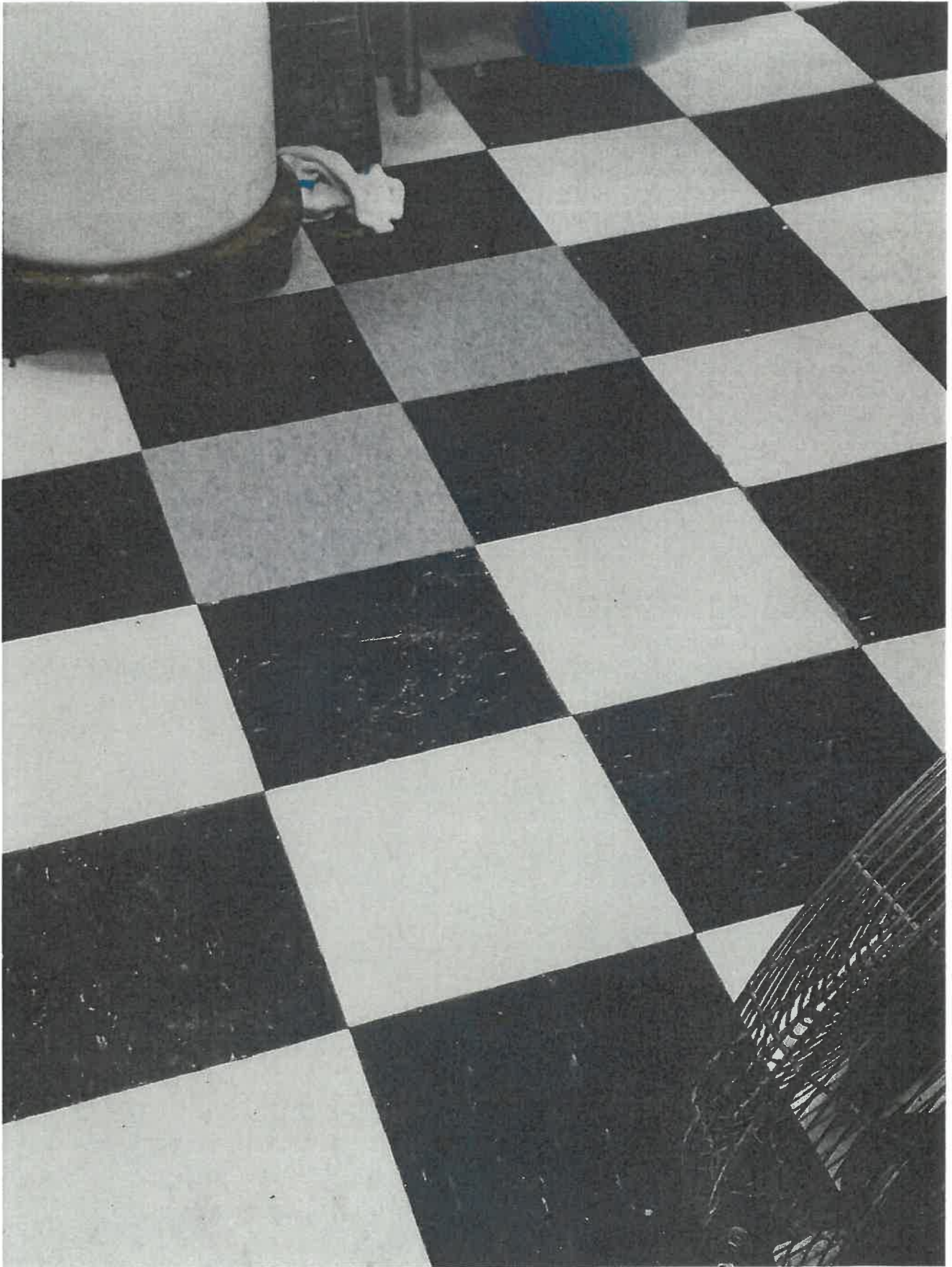
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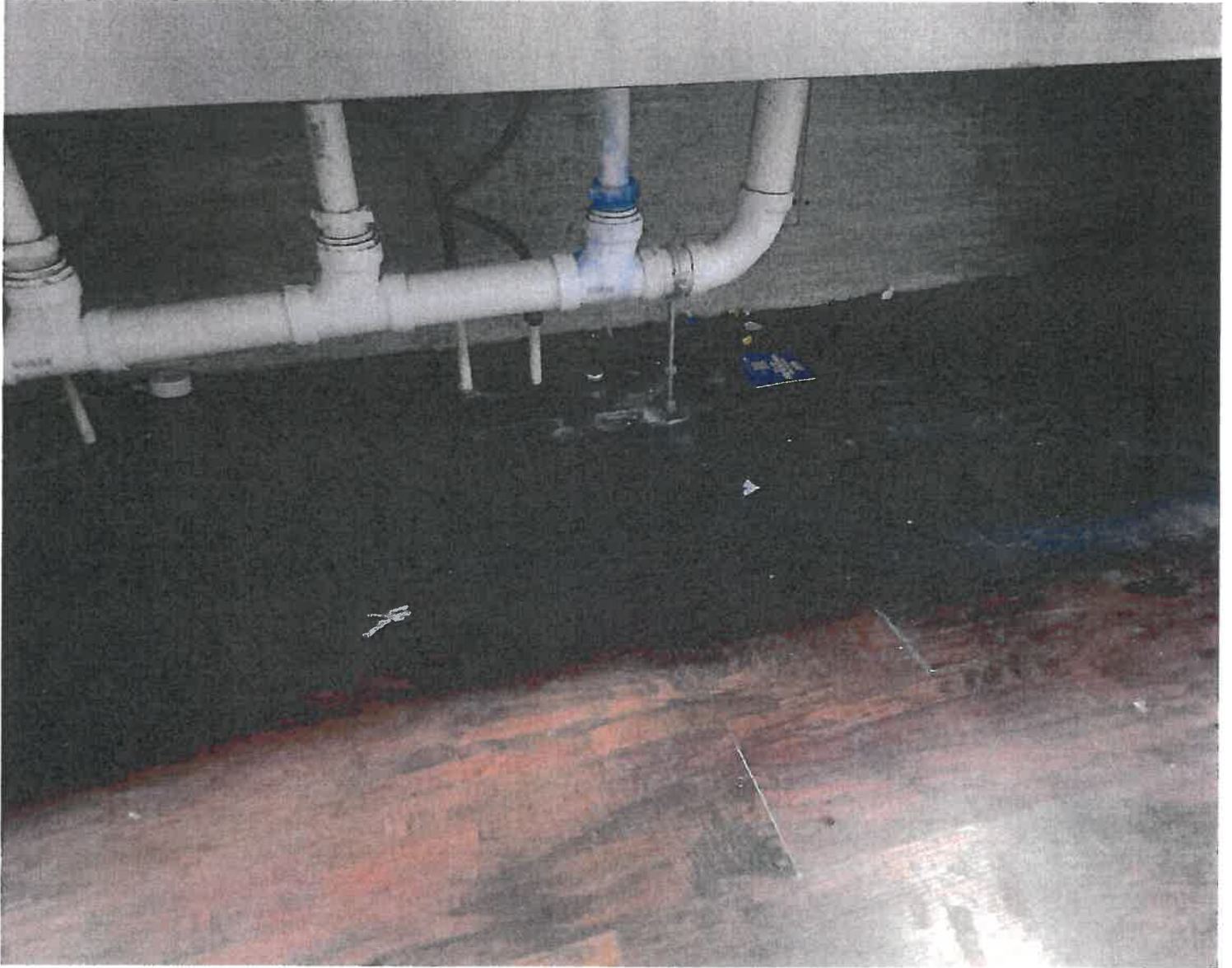
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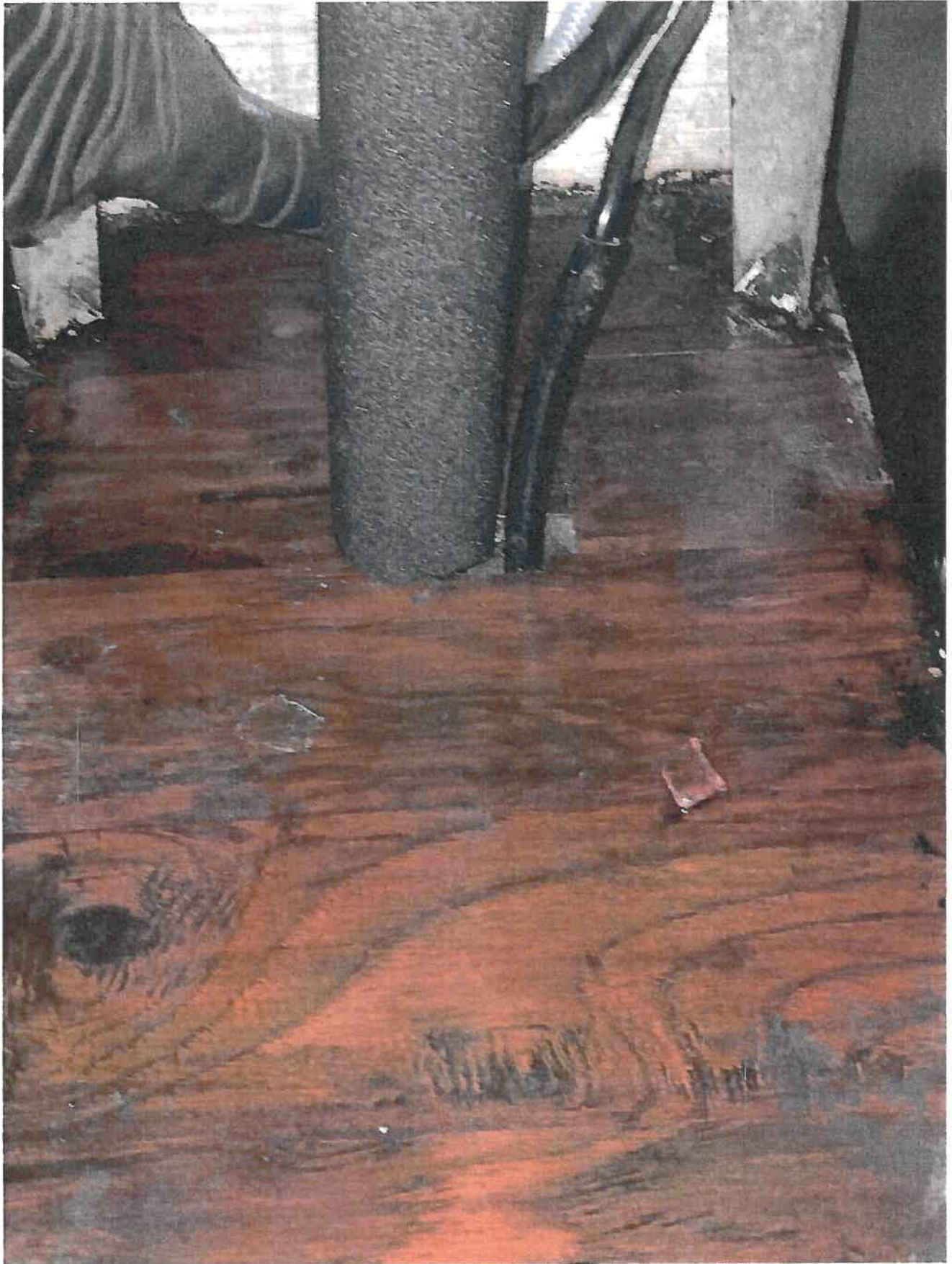
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