

SCOTT'S TREE CARE
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Alejandro and Michelle Sanchez
740 Calatrava Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33143

RE: Arborist Tree Assessment

Southern Live Oak – *Quercus virginiana*: DBH 32", Canopy 45', Height 55'

Dear Concerned,

On February 25, 2025 I received a call from Mr. Sanchez describing the dead Oak on his property and the family's concerns. He also texted a video of the Oak that same day. The video was recorded in January, however he noticed the tree was dead back in December.

I went to the property the same day to do an overall inspection and risk assessment. It was obvious the tree had been dead for many months. There were no leaves on the tree. In two of the attached photos there are leaves visible in the right side of the tree, these are branch tips from the neighbor's Oak. When inspecting the smaller diameter tip branches, they would snap with no flex in the wood. Decay was already present in the center of many of these branches.

The cause of death was the Ganoderma fungus. There were no Ganoderma mushrooms (conks) present at the time of this inspection. Mr. Sanchez said his landscaper removed and disposed all of the mushrooms. Mr. Sanchez's description of the size, shape, coloring, and location at the base of the trunk was that of Ganoderma. Also, the attachment point markings of the Ganoderma fruiting bodies at the base of the trunk were clearly visible.

The tree was located only 5 feet from the back of the house, and a large portion of the tree was over the house. The tree was an imminent risk hazard, posing serious damage to the property. I expressed to Mr. Sanchez the urgency of removing this tree as soon as possible. He was not in a financial position to remove the tree at that time, waiting on a check to arrive.

The tree was finally removed on April 8, 2025, just after a large section of a branch dropped onto the roof, fortunately only damaging the edge of the roof.

During the removal of the tree, heartwood rot was found in many areas throughout the tree, further compromising the structural integrity of the tree. The photos of the pile of cuttings along the street, taken by the city inspector, may show the rot on some of the logs.

Also see attached photos.

Sincerely,



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