

Kings Beach hotel crawling with bugs, garbage

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JMA Ventures owns some of the priciest resorts and restaurants from San Francisco to Seattle. It also operates Homewood Mountain Resort.

But one of JMA's lesser known properties is not living up to the same reputation among travelers.

Inside room 224 at the Tahoe Inn in Kings Beach cameras captured ants crawling across bed sheets, blankets and pillows. Under a nightstand were dozens more ants. Beneath the bed was a collection of garbage, which included two nitrous oxide dispensers known as "Whip-Its." Nitrous oxide is also known as laughing gas and is a popular drug with young partiers that's known to cause dizziness and feelings of euphoria. Also in the room was a pill that a narcotics detective identified as a Ecstasy. Ecstasy is another drug known to bring on feeling of euphoria, but unlike "Whip-Its" Ecstasy is illegal.

JMA declined an on-camera interview, but in a written statement, founder Art Chapman said, "We take News10's allegations very seriously and will investigate them thoroughly." He also wrote that the Tahoe Inn is, "scheduled for demolition by spring 2015, at which time the land will be fully restored to its natural state."

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