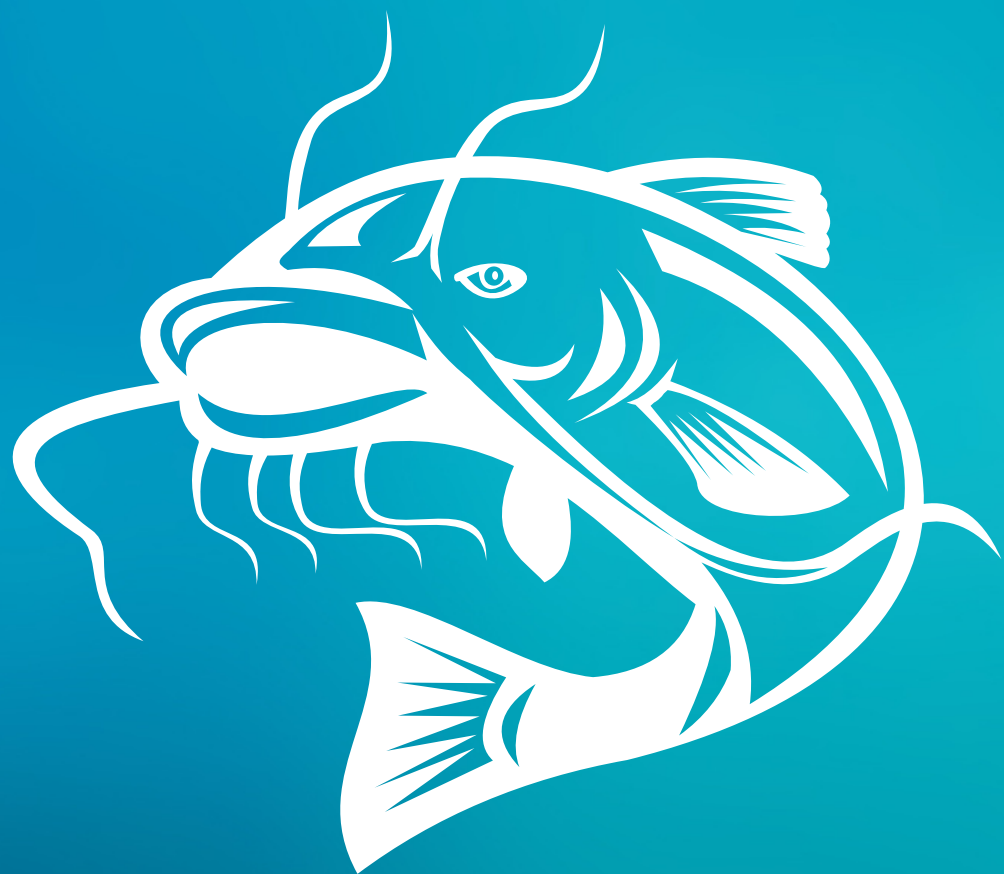


PROJECT: CATFISH



The definition of “catfishing” according to Bing AI

CATFISHING IS THE PRACTICE OF PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE ELSE ONLINE, USUALLY TO DECEIVE SOMEONE INTO A ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP OR TO COMMIT FINANCIAL FRAUD. CATFISHERS OFTEN USE FAKE PHOTOS AND STORIES TO SUPPORT THEIR FALSE IDENTITY. THE TERM CATFISHING COMES FROM AN OLD LEGEND ABOUT SHIPPING CATFISH WITH CODFISH TO KEEP THEM FRESH AND ACTIVE.

We can go ahead and check all those boxes. This poor man was being catfished. His friends and family tried to reason with him but he was dead-set on marrying “Carley”. I even contact his daughters and of course they tried but failed to make him realize what was happening. He is in my prayers everyday.

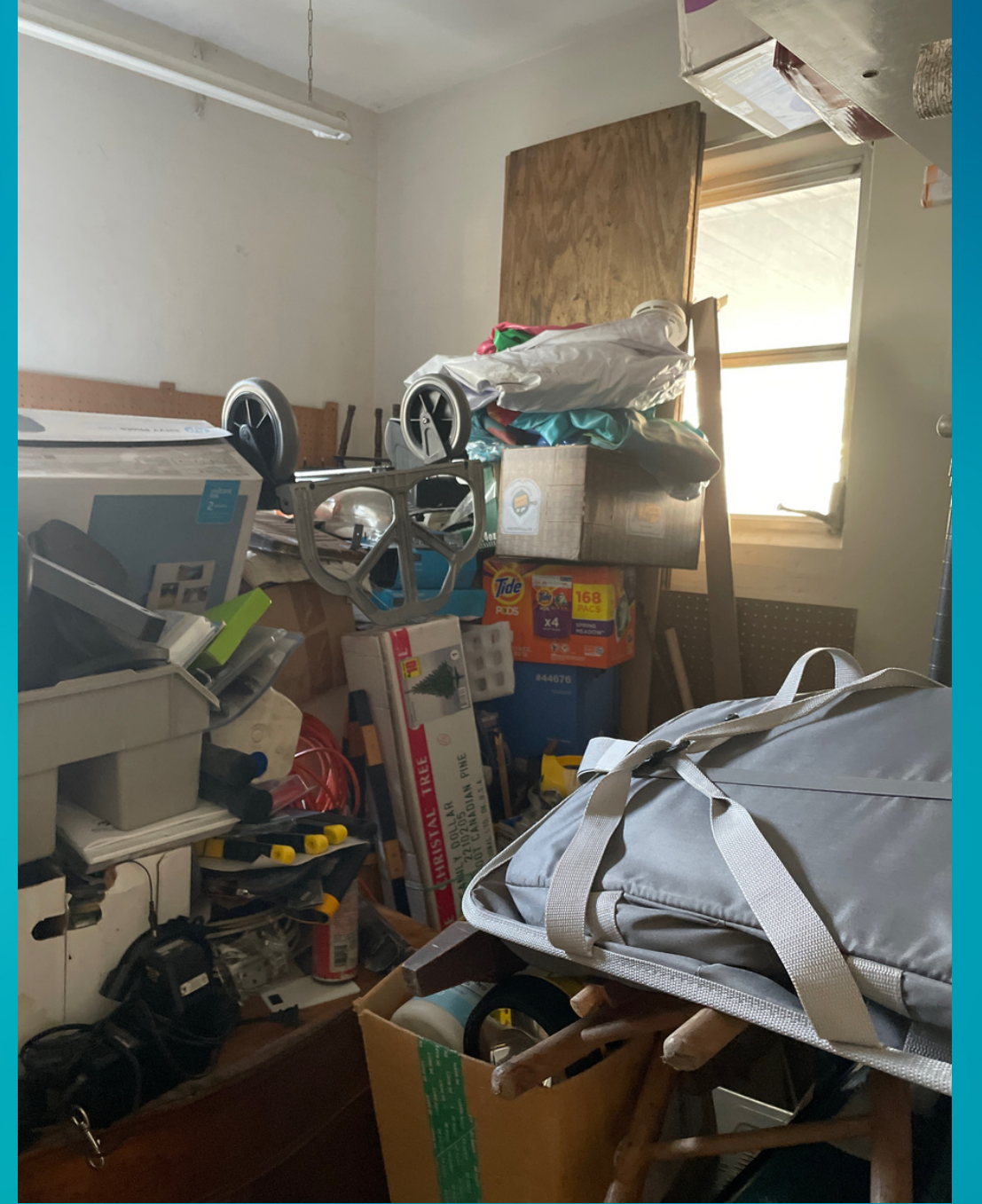
Bit of a backstory here. I also used to be a home inspector and was hired to do the inspection for the buyer. I was aware the home owner was elderly and had physical issues so I was fine with him being present during the inspection. Usually the owner/seller is not. He was actually helpful during the inspection and I noticed the volume of stuff he had still left to pack up. He also showed me a photo of his "fiancé, Carley" on his phone. Red flags immediately went up! I gave him one of my organizing cards and told him we could help. When I got started on my report I called the listing agent to ask if she was aware he was being swindled, she was aware but could not do anything about it and was pretty much told to stay in my lane which did not make me very happy. Fast-forward a week or so and sellers agent reaches out to me saying the closing is supposed to be the next day and he is NOWHERE near ready, asked if I could come take a look, which I did. We decided to pack EVERYTHING up because he was not able to make any decisions about any items so everything was to be packed up and taken to storage unit. This was very labor-intensive and we were on very tight time constraints having moved closing date from Friday to Tuesday. We got it done with a lot of help from seller's agent, some random woman who agreed to help and a lot of long hours. We had to create an addendum to closing documents because the seller did not have the funds up front. Last I heard from his daughters, this poor man is homeless living in Texas near a Costco.

Breaks my heart!















**We got it done with a lot of hard work
and help.**

**Unfortunately we do not know his
exact whereabouts or how he is
doing. Just breaks my heart.
I hope that karma comes to those
that take advantage of the
vulnerable like this gentleman.**

This client did not have the funds to pay us when the work was finished so through the realtor we were able to add an addendum to the closing so we got paid.

This is an option we can do under certain circumstances. Title company and real estate agent must agree and a contract must be signed.

