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A wrecking crew takes aim at the Sugar Shack, the former strip club in the Cully Neighborhood of northeast Portland known for harboring prostitution and other criminal activity for the past 20 years. The deconstruction began Monday after community leaders gathered to celebrate plans to replace the rundown buildings on the site with a 140-unit affordable housing development.

## Sugar Shack Comes Down

### Blight to give way to affordable housing

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The destruction of a much-maligned former strip club, the Sugar Shack, in the Cully Neighborhood

of northeast Portland, kicked off Monday with area residents and community leaders, including Mayor Ted Wheeler, in celebration of a soon-to-be affordable housing development to be built in its place.

The run down building at Northeast Cully and Killingsworth Street was a source of blight in the neighborhood, harboring prostitution and other criminal activity for the past 20 years.

“We’re really excited to finally bring down the former Sugar Shack,” said Rose Ojeda, the real estate development director for Hacienda who had been instrumental in the planning of the site’s redevelopment for the past year and a half.

The new 140-unit housing complex, “Las Adelitas,” will replace the old retail building. In addition

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## Confession Made Under Threats

Oregon’s Supreme Court has upheld a lower court’s ruling by throwing out the confession of a black man accused of strangling four black prostitutes in the 1980s. Two of the victims were teenagers and the other women were in their 20s.

The court agreed with Multnomah County Judge Michael A. Greenlick who had thrown out statements admitting to the killings that Homer Lee Jackson III, 58, made during police questioning in 2015, determining they were made under the influence of fear produced



Homer Lee Jackson III

by threats or promises of leniency.

The police detectives in the case “may have persuaded Jackson to tell what they wanted to hear, whether or not it was the truth,” the Supreme Court said. It also considered Jackson’s diagnosed schizophrenia, significant problems with memory and that he provided incorrect details about some of the killings.

Multnomah County prosecutors are reviewing the opinion. Trial in the case is set for this spring with defense motions set for argument in May.