

Loud music ruffles quiet neighborhood

Residents claim man ruining communities quality of life

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No matter how loud they complained, the neighbors just couldn't seem to convince Don Bertone to turn down his stereo.

Neither could the police, who showed up at Bertone's house more than 60 times in the past year, arresting him twice for disorderly conduct.

Now it's City Attorney Dennis Herrera's turn to try.

On Monday, Deputy City Attorney Yvonne Mere went before state Superior Court Judge James Warren, requesting a restraining order preventing the Little Hollywood resident from playing "amplified music" at night.

It was the first time the city attorney has gone after a resident for being exceptionally noisy.

"The City just wants this nuisance to stop," Mere said. "I'm



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Neighbors complain that Don Bertone, above, plays his stereo too loud.

hoping he will be cooperative."

Residents of Little Hollywood, a tranquil section of Visitation Valley near the Brisbane border, say Bertone has waged a two-year audio assault against the neighborhood, though Bertone claims he is the

victim of a "witch hunt."

Starting late at night, the Lathrop Street resident creates a sonic wall that alternates between thumping bass and high-pitched