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Islip code enforcers ousted

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Two men who headed Islip's troubled code enforcement department were fired Friday, town officials confirmed.

John Scimeca and Joseph Mandanici were escorted from their offices, sources said. Scimeca and Mandanici were at the center of the firestorm surrounding the controversial condemnation of a Bay Shore apartment complex last September. In February 2005, two men who worked under them pleaded guilty to defrauding the government by running a private security firm out of town offices and on town time. A town spokeswoman did not say what led to the firings. Last month, the Islip Town Council voted to restructure the code enforcement section, giving the town attorney oversight. Town attorney Pierce Fox Cohalan did not return calls. Mandanici said: "I've done nothing wrong. I don't know what this is about.

That's all I'm going to say." Scimeca could not be reached for comment. The two men were in charge of the department when Islip code enforcement agents and fire marshals launched a surprise raid on the Fairwood Gardens apartment complex on Sept. 12, placing condemnation orders on the doors of all 64 units. The raid left more than 100 residents homeless, many of them poor, elderly or disabled. Town officials later said they did not mean to evict tenants. Several federal civil rights lawsuits later were filed against the town - as well as then-commissioner Scimeca, then-deputy commissioner Mandanici and town fire marshal William Coyle. Those lawsuits are currently pending. It was unclear Friday whether their firings were related to an ongoing probe of Islip town officials by the Suffolk County district attorney's office.

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