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# City flats for sale — again

New Plymouth's Devonport Flats are being sold again.

Acting under instructions from the High Court at the request of the second mortgagee, the properties, consisting of one shop and 29 flats, will be for sale as one lot on Friday.

The second mortgagee, Mr John Murray of Auckland, said last night that an unfortunate course of events had led to the order but he did not wish to comment further.

The flats were bought by Mrs Julia Robinson of Christchurch in May 1982 for \$650,000. Mrs Robinson had planned to refurbish the apartments and landscape the area, and eviction notices were served on the tenants.

In March this year some of the flats were sold to a second mortgagee, Mr Murray. At the time many of the flats had remained rented or been relet and the first mortgage was held by the nominee company of a family trust.

Mr Murray said last night that the sale of the flats was an attempt "to keep things running smoothly".

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