



Alleged rat spotted inside 'Tommy's Hamburgers' restaurant in Long Beach

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"We'll that's quite disgusting I actually had a burger from here a couple days ago," customer, Cade Becherer, said.

The video was taken Monday morning when Juan Estrada said he spotted the rat sneaking around the front counter of the closed burger restaurant.

"When I saw it I felt disgusted you know that's a place that I go eat a lot and when I saw that it really grossed me out," Estrada said.

What he posted to Facebook as a warning to his friends not to eat here, caught the attention of the Long Beach Health Department.

Inspectors who visited Thursday morning said there was no evidence of a rodent infestation, but customers believe Estrada's video tells a different story.

"Obviously I won't be back in the near future," customer, Tom Russell, said. "That's pretty compelling evidence there."

The restaurant was allowed to remain open since health inspectors found no infestation.

It was given an A-rating that's posted in the window; ironically the rat is seen on video crawling around the previously posted health inspection.

"I don't know what it was doing there it was probably scavenging for food," Estrada said. "It was there for a while and we were just amazed."

The Tommy's Burger on East Anaheim Street has been a longtime staple in the Long Beach community and some fans of the burger chain are coming to its defense.

"I love Tommy's, I've been coming here for a long time I'm from Long Beach," one resident said. "Every single restaurant has pest issues and I feel bad that Tommy's is getting the brunt of it right now."

Tommy's corporate office said the restaurant does monthly pest treatments and hasn't had any rat problems in the past.

"I've been eating here a long time never gotten sick," customer, John DiFranco said. "Long Beach Health Department came in and said everything was cool so I'll take their word for it."