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# Of Mice and Meal: Video Shows Dead Rodents at NH Diner

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SALEM — A restaurant-goer found dead mice in a trap underneath their seat at a diner chain.

In a post Wednesday that has gone viral on Facebook, Yamir Rodriguez said during a visit to Denny's at 92 Cluff Crossing Road she and her party sat in a "far corner" of the restaurant.

"I noticed a foul smell," Rodriguez wrote.

Rodriguez took video of herself removing the seat cushion she was sitting on to reveal several dead mice in a snap trap. That video has been shared more than 1,700 times as of 6 p.m. Friday.

Brian Lockard, a health officer in Salem, said that the pest control companies that handle vermin issues don't typically use snap traps to catch mice in restaurants.

Health inspectors in Salem make two routine checks a year to food establishments. The visits are unannounced and Lockard described the inspections as a "food safety audit."

Within the past three years, only one routine check-in at Denny's uncovered two violations related to pest infestation. According to the May 4, 2015 health inspection, insects, rodents, and animals were present and food preparation, storage and display were contaminated.

The department followed up two weeks later on May 18 and the problems had been fixed.

Since that violation, that Denny's location has not had any violations involving pests during inspections.

The last routine inspection took place Nov. 16 and had only one violation: non-food contact surfaces clean.

Rodriguez commented on her post that she did contact the manager of the Denny's writing, "they thought the problem was over. And they're going to look into it. So they have been having mice issues for a while."

A manager at Denny's told NH1 on Friday that the restaurant had no comment.