

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Housing and Social Development

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, MNDC, FF

Introduction

This hearing was convened by way of conference call to deal with the landlord's application for an Order of Possession for unpaid rent or utilities; for a monetary order for unpaid rent or utilities; for a monetary order for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement; for an order permitting the landlord to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim; and to recover the filing fee from the tenant for the cost of this application.

An agent for the landlord company attended the hearing, gave affirmed testimony, and provided evidence in advance of the hearing. However, despite being served with the Landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution and notice of hearing documents by registered mail on November 26, 2010 the tenant did not attend.

All testimony and information provided has been reviewed and is considered in this Decision.

Issues(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent or utilities? Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent or utilities? Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement? Is the landlord entitled to an order permitting the landlord to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim?

Background and Evidence

This month-to-month tenancy began on August 1, 2010. Rent in the amount of \$750.00 is payable in advance on the first day of each month. At the outset of the tenancy, the landlord collected a security deposit from the tenant in the amount of \$375.00. The landlord's agent testified that the landlord hired the tenant to do some work, for which the tenant received \$375.00 and the landlord retained that amount for the security deposit.

The tenant failed to pay rent for the month September, 2010, and paid the landlord \$1,000.00 on October 29, 2010. The landlord's agent testified that \$750.00 of the payment covered the September rent payment, and the other \$250.00 went towards October's rent. The tenant further failed to pay rent in the month of November, 2010 and on November 8, 2010 the landlord served the tenant with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenant further failed to pay rent in the month of December, 2010.

<u>Analysis</u>

Based on the landlord's testimony I find that the tenant was served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenant has not paid the outstanding rent and has not applied for dispute resolution to dispute the notice and is therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice.

As for the monetary order, I find that the landlord has established a claim for \$2,050.00 in unpaid rent. The landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee.

Conclusion

Based on the above facts I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession. The tenant must be served with the Order of Possession. Should the tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an order of that Court.

I order that the landlord retain the security deposit and interest of \$375.00 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$1,675.00. This order may be filed in the Provincial Court of British Columbia, Small Claims division and enforced as an order of that Court.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: December 14, 2010.

Dispute Resolution Officer