

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch
Ministry of Housing and Social Development

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord for an order of possession, a monetary order and an order to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim. Despite having been served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing by registered mail on December 17, the tenants did not participate in the conference call hearing.

<u>Issuess to be Decided</u>

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?

Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent and loss of income?

Background and Evidence

The landlord's undisputed testimony is as follows. The tenancy began on or about May 1, 2010. Rent in the amount of \$1,325.00 is payable in advance on the first day of each month. At the outset of the tenancy the landlord collected from the tenants a security deposit in the amount of \$675.00. The tenants failed to pay rent in the month of December and on December 9 the landlord served the tenants with a notice to end tenancy by posting the notice to the door of the rental unit. The tenants did not dispute the notice or vacate the rental unit and while they made a \$300.00 payment on December 16 did not make any further payments.

<u>Analysis</u>

I accept the landlord's undisputed testimony and I find that the tenants were served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenants did not pay the outstanding rent within 5 days of receiving the notice and did not apply for dispute resolution to dispute the notice and are therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Based on the above facts I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession. The tenants must be served with the order of possession. Should the tenants 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.

As for the monetary order, I find that the tenants paid just \$1,025.00 of the rent owing in December and paid no rent whatsoever in the month of January. I find that the landlord has established a claim for \$2,350.00 in unpaid rent and loss of income. The landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee. I order that the landlord retain the \$675.00 security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$1,725.00. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

Conclusion

The landlord is granted an order of possession and a monetary order for \$1,725.00. The landlord may retain the security deposit.

Dated: January 13, 2011

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