

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

## DECISION

**Dispute Codes** 

OPR, MNR

**Introduction** 

This hearing proceeded by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to sections 55(4) and 74(2) of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*, and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the Landlord for an Order of Possession and a monetary order.

The Landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on January 11, 2011 the Landlord served the male Tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail. The Landlord submitted a copy of a Canada Post Receipt, with a tracking number, which corroborates that a package was mailed to the male Tenant at the rental unit. Based on the written submissions of the Landlord, I find the male Tenant has been served with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding document. Section 90 of the Act stipulates that a document that is served by mail is deemed received on the fifth day after it is mailed which, in these circumstances, is January 16, 2011.

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### Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent and to a monetary Order for unpaid rent, pursuant to sections 55 and 67 of the *Act.* 

### Background and Evidence

I have reviewed the following evidence that was submitted by the Landlord:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for each Tenant.
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which appears to be signed by both Tenants that indicates that the tenancy began on November 01, 2010 and that the rent of \$1,100.00 rent is due on the first day of each month.
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was signed by the Landlord on January 04, 2011, which declares that the Tenants must vacate the rental unit by January 14, 2011 as they have failed to pay rent in the amount of \$1,650.00 that was due on January 01, 2011. The Notice declares that the tenancy will end unless the Tenants pay the rent within five days of receiving the Notice or submit an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to set aside the Notice within five days of receiving the Notice.
- A copy of a signed Proof of Service of the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy, in which the Landlord declared that he personally served the female Tenant with the Notice on January 04, 2011 at 1:57 p.m. The Proof of Service appears to have been signed by the male Tenant to acknowledge receipt of the Notice.

In the Application for Dispute Resolution the Landlord declared that the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent was personally served on January 04, 2011.

In the Application for Dispute Resolution, the Landlord declared that the Tenants did not pay rent for January of 2011 and that they still owe \$550.00 in rent from December of 2010.

### <u>Analysis</u>

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the Tenants entered into a tenancy agreement that required the Tenants to pay monthly rent of \$1,100.00 on the first day of each month.

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the Tenants had not paid rent for January of 2011 by the time the Landlord filed this Application for Dispute Resolution and that they still owe rent of \$550.00 from December of 2010. I have no evidence to show that the Tenant paid the outstanding rent since the Application for Dispute Resolution was filed and therefore I find that the Tenants owe rent in the amount of \$1,650.00.

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy was personally served on the male Tenant on January 04, 2011.

I have no evidence to show that the Tenants filed an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to set aside the Notice to End Tenancy. Pursuant to section 46(5) of the *Act*, I

therefore find that the Tenants accepted that the tenancy ended on January 14, 2011, which is ten days after they are deemed to have received the Notice.

#### **Conclusion**

I find that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession effective two days after service on the Tenants. This Order may be served on the Tenants, filed with the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I find that the Landlord has established a monetary claim, in the amount of \$1,650.00, for unpaid rent and I grant the Landlord a monetary Order in that amount. This Order may be served on the Tenants, filed with the Province of British Columbia Small Claims Court 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: January 19, 2011.

**Residential Tenancy Branch**