



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

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Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to an application by the Landlord for an early end of tenancy and an Order of Possession pursuant to section 56 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”). I accept the Landlord’s evidence that the Tenant was personally served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing in accordance with Section 89 of the Act. The Tenant did not participate in the conference call hearing. The Landlord was given full opportunity to be heard, to present evidence and to make submissions.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of Possession?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on March 1, 2012. The Tenants’ unit is the upper suite of a house and the Landlord lives in the basement suite. On April 10, 2012, the Landlord was informed by the police that there was a significant risk of harm to the life of the Tenant and those who may be near the Tenant. As a result the police advised the Landlord that it is not safe for the Landlord to remain in the basement suite and to obtain a police escort if the Landlord wishes to attend to the Tenant’s unit or return to the house. The Tenant provided copies of police occurrence reports, a public safety warning that was issued by the police and other materials concerning the violence associated with the Tenant.

Analysis

Section 56 of the Act provides that a landlord may make an application to end a tenancy earlier than it would end if the landlord issued a 1 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause and obtain an Order of Possession in certain circumstances. It is not necessary for the landlord to issue a 1 Month Notice; however, the landlord must show that:

- (a) the tenant or a person permitted on the residential property by the tenant has done any of the following:
 - (i) significantly interfered with or unreasonably disturbed another occupant or the landlord of the residential property;
 - (ii) seriously jeopardized the health or safety or a lawful right or interest of the landlord or another occupant;
 - (iii) put the landlord's property at significant risk;
 - (iv) engaged in illegal activity that
 - (A) has caused or is likely to cause damage to the landlord's property,
 - (B) has adversely affected or is likely to adversely affect the quiet enjoyment, security, safety or physical well-being of another occupant of the residential property, or
 - (C) has jeopardized or is likely to jeopardize a lawful right or interest of another occupant or the landlord;
 - (v) caused extraordinary damage to the residential property, and
- (b) it would be unreasonable, or unfair to the landlord or other occupants of the residential property, to wait for a notice to end the tenancy under section 47 *[landlord's notice: cause]* to take effect.

Upon consideration of the undisputed evidence before me, I am satisfied that the Landlord faces serious jeopardy and that it would be unreasonable or unfair to the Landlord to wait for a 1 Month Notice to take effect. Accordingly, I find that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession. The tenancy therefore ends and the tenants must vacate the rental unit two (2) days after service of the Order of Possession provided to the Landlord with this decision.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the Landlord. The Tenant must be served with this **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.

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: April 24, 2012.

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