

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes:

MNSD

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant, for a monetary order for the return of double the security deposit. Both parties attended the hearing and were given full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions.

Issues to be Decided

Is the tenant entitled to the return of double the security deposit?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy started on July 01, 2012 and prior to moving in the tenant paid a security deposit of \$700.00. The tenant moved out on July 01, 2013. The landlord made a deduction of \$372.00 from the security deposit without the consent of the tenant and returned the balance 0f \$328.00 to the tenant.

During the hearing the parties engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Analysis

Pursuant to Section 63 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the hearing, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order.

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During this hearing, the parties reached an agreement to settle these matters, on the

following conditions:

1. The tenant agreed to accept \$160.00 in full and final settlement of <u>all</u> claims

against the landlord. A monetary order will be issued to the tenant for this

amount.

2. The landlord agreed to pay the tenant \$160.00 in full and final settlement of <u>all</u>

claims against the tenant.

3. Both parties stated that they understood and agreed to the above terms of this

agreement which comprises full and final settlement of all aspects of the dispute

for both parties.

Conclusion

Pursuant to the above agreement, I grant the tenant a monetary order under section 67

of the Residential Tenancy Act for the amount of \$160.00. This order may be filed in

the 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: October 29, 2013

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