



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Sutton Group Medallion Realty
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, FF

Introduction

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. Both parties participated in the conference call hearing. Both parties gave affirmed evidence.

Issues to be Decided

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 gave the following testimony:

The tenancy began on or about August 1, 2012. Rent in the amount of \$1300.00 is payable in advance on the first day of each month. At the outset of the tenancy the landlord collected from the tenant a security deposit in the amount of \$650.00. The tenant failed to pay rent in the month(s) of December and on December 11, 2013 the landlord served the tenant with a notice to end tenancy. The tenant further failed to pay rent in the month(s) of January and February. The landlord stated that as of today's hearing the amount of unpaid rent is \$2900.00.

The tenant gave the following testimony:

The tenant stated that the amount of unpaid rent is correct. The tenant stated that he and the landlord had come to a verbal agreement that the tenancy would continue and that he would “catch up” on the outstanding balance by the end of the month.

Analysis

The landlord stated that no verbal agreement was in place and was seeking an order of possession and a monetary order. I accept the landlord's testimony and I find that the tenant was served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenant 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 is 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 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.

As for the monetary order, I find that the landlord has established a claim for \$2900.00 in unpaid rent. The landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee.

Although the landlord's application does not seek to retain the deposit, using the offsetting provisions of section 72 of the *Act*, I allow the landlord to retain the tenant's \$650.00 security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$2300.00. 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 \$2300.00. The landlord may retain the security deposit.

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: February 04, 2014

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