

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding GREATER VICTORIA HOUSING SOCIETY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

INTERIM DECISION

The respondent landlord has made a request pursuant to Rule 7 of the Residential Tenancy Rules of Procedure requesting that a summons be issued to require the attendance of a police officer at the upcoming hearing scheduled for March 17, 2014, and for the police officer to produce documents as described below.

This is in regard to an application submitted by the tenant seeking to cancel a One-Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause.

In the letter from the respondent landlord, the landlord stated that they are requesting all police reports and any court orders with regard to the subject address from June 1, 2013 to present and are also asking that police provide a copy of a specific court order relating to the tenant and a third party.

According to the respondent landlord, this evidence is necessary to substantiate the fact that the applicant tenant is upset with another resident and that,

"The requested information will show the type of character (the tenant) is and how capable he may be to retaliate against the other tenant" (Reproduced as written)

The respondent landlord states that the summons is necessary to allow the abovenamed officer to give detailed testimony about confidential information that is protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

I find that it is necessary to deal with this matter as a preliminary issue at the hearing on Marcy 17, 2014, to enable the respondent landlord to provide additional information about the relevance of the specific documents being sought and details regarding the steps that the respondent has taken thus far to obtain the information from other available sources.

The applicant tenant will also be permitted to respond to the landlord's request.

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 26, 2014

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