

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding L.L.A. Investments Ltd. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR, FF

#### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession and a monetary order. Although served with the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing by registered mail deemed delivered March 17, 2014, the tenants did not appear.

## Issue(s) to be Decided

- Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession and, if so, upon what terms?
- Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order and, if so, in what amount?
- Is the landlord entitled to retain the security deposit?

## Background and Evidence

This month-to-month tenancy commenced March 1, 2013. The monthly rent of \$585.00 is due on the first day of the month. The tenants paid a security deposit of \$292.50.

The landlord testified that the tenants were served with a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Non-Payment of Rent by personal service on March 2, 2013. That document includes information advising the tenant that the notice is cancelled if the tenant paid the arrears of rent within five days. It also advises that the tenant has five days to dispute the notice by filing an application for dispute resolution with the Residential Tenancy Branch. The landlord testified that the tenants did neither.

The landlord testified that the arrears of rent are \$125.00 for December 2013; \$125.00 for January 2014; \$585.00 for March 2014; and \$585.00 for April 2014; had not paid the and the arrears total \$1420.00.

#### Analysis

Based on the above, the testimony and evidence, and on a balance of probabilities, I find as follows:

The tenant have not paid the outstanding rent and did not apply to dispute the Notice and are therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* 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 effective two days after service on the tenants.

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I find that the landlord has established a total monetary claim of \$1470.00 comprised of arrears of rent in the amount of \$1420.00 and the \$50.00 fee paid by the landlord for this application. I order that the landlord retain the deposit of \$292.50 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$1177.50.

#### Conclusion

- a. An order of possession effective two days after service on the tenants has been granted. If necessary, this order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court.
- b. A monetary order in favour of the landlord in the amount of \$1177.50 has been granted. If necessary, it may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) 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 29, 2014	
	Residential Tenancy Branch