

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes:</u> MNSD, MNDC, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant, for a monetary order for the return of double the security deposit and for the filing fee. 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 and the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy started on March 22, 2014 and ended November 30, 2014. Prior to moving in the tenant paid a security deposit of \$425.00. The tenant provided the landlord with a forwarding address on November 30, 2014.

The landlord did not make application to retain a portion of the security deposit towards his claim for cleaning and returned a portion of the deposit after making a deduction without the tenant's consent.

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

<u>Analysis</u>

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 \$300.00 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 \$300.00 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 <u>full and final settlement</u> 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 **\$300.00**. 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: June 10, 2015

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