

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNSD

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the tenant for the return of their security deposit.

This matter was set for hearing by telephone conference call at 1:30 P.M on this date. The line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and the only participant who called into the hearing during this time was the landlord.

The landlord stated that they only found out about this matter as they received an automatic email sent from the Residential Tenancy Branch. The landlord stated they contacted the branch and was provided with the telephone number to call into this hearing. The landlord stated they were not served with a copy of the tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution, hearing notice or any evidence and seek that this matter be dismissed.

Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure state:

Rule, 7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing

If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

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As the tenant did not attend the hearing to provide testimony and the landlord appeared and was ready to proceed. I dismiss the tenant's application without leave to reapply.

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 22, 2020

Residential Tenancy Branch