

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNSDS-DR, FFT / MNDL-S, FFL

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with two applications pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "**Act**"). The landlord's for:

- authorization to retain all of the tenants' security deposit in full satisfaction of the monetary order requested pursuant to section 38;
- a monetary order for damage to the rental unit in the amount of \$1,050 pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenants pursuant to section 72.

And the tenants' for:

- the return of their security deposit (\$1,050) from the landlord pursuant to section 38: and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

All parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses.

Settlement

Pursuant to section 63 of the Act, an arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. During the hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute:

- 1. The landlord may retain \$525 of the security deposit; and
- 2. The landlord must return \$525 of the security deposit to the tenants, via etransfer, by December 21, 2020.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of these applications. The parties gave verbal affirmation at the hearing that they understood

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and agreed to the above terms as legal, final, and binding, which settle all aspects of this dispute between.

Conclusion

As the parties have reached a settlement, I make no factual findings about the merits of this application.

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties, and as discussed at the hearing, I issue the attached monetary order ordering the landlord to pay the tenants \$525 by December 21, 2020.

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: December 18, 2020

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