

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding REGIUS CORP and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

### **DECISION**

**Dispute Codes** MNR, FF

### **Introduction**

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord for a monetary order for damages and the filing fee. The landlord also applied to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim.

The landlord stated that the tenant moved out on February 15, 2022, following an order of possession granted to the landlord. The tenant did not provide a forwarding address. The landlord served the tenant with a notice of hearing package, by registered mail to an address in Alberta which was the residence of the tenant's parents. The package was returned to the landlord and the tenant did not attend the hearing.

#### Issue to be Decided

Was the tenant served with the notice of hearing pursuant to Section 88?

#### **Analysis**

Section 88 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* addresses how to give or serve documents. The purpose of serving a notice of hearing under the Legislation is to notify the person being served of matters relating to arbitration. The tenant is entitled to have an opportunity to be heard at the hearing. Based on the testimony of the landlord, I am not satisfied that the notice of hearing was served in accordance with section 88 of the *Act*.

# Conclusion

The landlord's application is dismissed with 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: January 26, 2023

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