IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF CHILLICOTHE, OHIO

Heritage Hills, Ltd.

Plaintiff

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* CASE NO. 86-CVG-169

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* JUDGMEN'T ENTRY.

Deborah H. Bragg

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Defendant

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For reasons set forth in the findings of Fact and conclusions of Law filed in this case on September 11, 1986, judgment is hereby rendered in favor of plaintiff Heritage Hills, Ltd., and against defendant Deborah M. Bragg, on plaintiff's complaint, and the Court finds that plaintiff is entitled to possession of the premises. A writ of restitution shall issue in this case to restore plaintiff to possession of the premises.

Judgment is hereby rendered in favor of defendant Deborah M. Brogg and against plaintiff Heritage Hills, Ltd., on the comperclaim herein, for the sum of \$180.00.

The court finds the equities of this case in favor of plaintiff and equitable relief is denied to defendant.

Defendant's judgment on the counterclaim shall be doducted from the rent on escrow with the Court, and the

WARLAN SIGNATURE OF THE SHARING PART COURT

balance of the rent held in escrow is ordered paid to plaintiff by the Clark of this Court.

Coats in this case shall be taxed one-fourth to plaintiff and three-fourths to defendant.

Judge

Copy of the foregoing Judgment Entry mailed to the following by ordinary first class mail postage prepaid on the lith day of September, 1986:

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Plaintiff, * CASE NO. 86-CVG-169

FINDINGS OF FACT AND

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This case was tried to Court on September 10, 1986.

Present and participating were Heritage Hills, Ltd., through
their representative, Leila Doles, and their attorney, John L.
Fosson. Present was defendant Deborah M. Bragg with her attorney
Terry C. Weddlaton.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- into and is still in possession of premises known as 371 Plyley's Lane, Apt. 123, Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, pursuant to a written lease in which Plaintiff was the lessor of the premises. The initial term of the tenancy under the lease was from September 14, 1983 until August 31, 1984, and pursuant to said lease, at the expiration of the initial term the tenancy of Defendant continues until such time as it is terminated in accordance with paragraph 23 of the lease. A copy of said lease is attached to the complaint herein as Exhibit A.
 - 2.) Paragraph 23 of said lease provides that Plaintiff may

- 10.) As a result of the inoperable air conditioning unit, the value of defendant's leasehold estate was diminished by \$180.00.
- 11.) Defendant is still in possession of the premises involved in this case.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Defendant's wilful failure to pay rent due February 1, 1986, was a material noncompliance with the terms of the lease.
- 2. Plaintiff has the legal right to terminate the lease in this case and has taken all steps necessary therefore under the law.
- 3. Plaintiffs action as set forth in finding of fact 9 was a violation of the obligations of a landlord as set forth in R. C. 5321.04(A)(4).
- 4. The facts set forth in findings of fact 5, 6, and 7 require the application of the clean hands doctrine in resolution of the equities are resolved

terminate the lease for the Defendant's material noncompliance

with the terms of the lease. Material noncompliance includes,

On February 10, 1986, after the office hours of plaintiff, defendant left an unsigned check on an account which had been closed, at the office of plaintiff by sticking it in an outer door.

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- 4.) The leaving of an unsigned check on a closed checking account is not payment.
- Defendant knew that the check referred to in finding of fact 3 was not signed, and she knew that there were not funds in the checking account to cover the check.
- 6.) Defendant wilfully and intentionally failed to pay the reat due plaintiff pursuant to the lease on February 1, 1986.
- 7.) Defendant was not truthful in her testimony to the Court doncorning the knowledge of the signing of the check, nor her testimony to the Court that she thought she had money in her checking account to cover the check.
- 8.) The defendant was aware of her obligation to pay the rent for February 1, 1986, not later than February 10, 1986, at the close of plaintiff's office that day.

in favor of plaintiff.

Judge

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