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Docket number DBD-CV24-5020403-S	Answer date 02/21/2024	Amount of claim \$600.00
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Name of case
SEVERINO, RONALD L. v. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

1. Disposition (Do not use this form for dispositions not identified in this section. Enter all other dispositions directly into the Judicial Branch Electronic Filing System.)

- A. Judgment for the Plaintiff after Default without Hearing in Damages
- B. Judgment for the Plaintiff after Default with Hearing in Damages
- C. Judgment for the Plaintiff after Hearing
- D. Judgment for the Defendant after Hearing
- E. Judgment as to Counterclaim

2. Reasons for Decision (Must be entered when a contested hearing is held, a counterclaim is filed, or a judgment is entered in an amount other than the amount claimed.)

Plaintiff filed this action seeking payment of hotel expenses from the Defendant. Plaintiff alleged that his apartment was infested with bedbugs, which he noticed overnight on a Sunday night. He advised the Defendant Housing Authority the next day, a Monday, the first business day following the discovery, and was advised that the exterminator would come on Thursday, three days later. Plaintiff decided he could not stay in his apartment under such circumstances and stayed at a local hotel for the next three nights. Plaintiff did not discuss with anyone at the Defendant Housing Authority his plans to move to a hotel, and did not reach any agreement with the Defendant Housing Authority to pay for a hotel stay prior to his hotel stay. Neither party entered a copy of the lease into evidence, so no evidence was provided as to whether the Housing Authority was obligated to pay for hotel stays under such circumstances. Testimony was provided that when the contracted exterminator treated apartments the tenants were only required to vacate the premises for four (4) hours. Sadly, the Plaintiff testified that he continues to experience bug infestations on and off since the time at issue in this case. Hopefully, conditions will improve now that Defendant has been made aware of the continuing problems.

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3. Damages And Costs

Damages:	\$
Prejudgment Interest:	\$
Attorney Fees:	\$
Total Damages:	\$

Entry Fee:	\$
Service:	\$
Other:	\$
Total Costs:	\$

Post-Judgment Interest

- Not Requested
- Denied
- Granted at an interest rate of: _____ percent a year.
- Execution Stayed

Total Amount of Damages and Costs: \$ _____

4. Order Of Payment(s)

Total Amount above to be paid by: _____

Payments of \$ _____ every week other week month other month other _____

are due beginning on: Date _____

Signed Magistrate Allen	Type or print name Magistrate Allen	Date signed 5/17/24
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Plaintiff did not provide any evidence that the terms of his lease required the Defendant Housing Authority to provide alternative housing until the apartment was treated; Plaintiff provided no evidence or testimony that the Housing Authority asked him to move to the hotel or agreed to pay for his hotel stay, either before the stay or after. For the foregoing reasons, judgment for the Defendant.