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THE NORTH WEST HOUSING TRIBUNAL RESOLVES ANOTHER RENTAL DISPUTE

The North West Housing Rental Tribunal has successfully resolved another rental dispute in Potchefstroom in the JB Marks Local Municipality.

The complainant alleged the following; (a) Respondent failed to pay rental arrears amounting to R32 076 .00. (b) The respondent contravened section 4 (5)(a) of the Rental Housing Act 50 of 199, in that she failed to pay municipal accounts amounting to R2 063.54. (c) The respondent contravened section 5(d)(1) of the Rental Housing Act of 50 of 1999 in that is alleged that she damaged the rental dwelling.

Both parties stated their cases, evidence was presented to the Tribunal members. Upon cross-examination, the respondent acknowledged owing rent for December 2021 amounting to R10 692.00. The complainant withdrew allegation B as it was paid with a surplus of R122.23. With regard to damages, Tribunal could not establish from the evidence presented by both parties that the In-going and Out-going Inspections were conducted as a requirement in line with section 5 of the Rental Housing Act.

The committee ruled that a deposit of R 10 283.39 held by the complainant be set off against the December 2021 arrears rental and a surplus of R122.23 for municipal account be paid to the respondent within a period of 21 days from the date of issuing the ruling. Advocate Tshidi Mogale, Chairperson of the Rental Housing Tribunal, emphasized to both parties the

importance of the In-going and Out-going Inspection Report as a requirement in terms of Rental Housing Act no. 50 of 1999 in case of damages alleged by parties.

The Department of Human Settlements congratulated the Rental Housing Tribunal under the leadership of Advocate Tshidi Mogale in resolving rental disputes in the province.

The North West Housing Tribunal is a statutory body tasked to promote stability in the rental housing sector by resolving disputes that may arise from time to time. Issues such as house rules set out by landlords, receipts for rental payments, services cut-offs' without a court order, withholding of tenants possessions, overcrowding and subletting, exploitative rents, service charges and damage to property are general conflicts that cause disputes between the landlords and tenants. Such challenges were mostly resolved through the Rental Housing Tribunal.

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