## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern District of California

Honorable Ronald H. Sargis
Chief Bankruptcy Judge
Sacramento, California

July 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

1. <u>19-28015</u>-E-7 HRH-2

ALIAKSEI FLIAHA Mark Shmorgon MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 7-9-20 [88]

PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC VS.

**Tentative Ruling:** Oral argument may be presented by the parties at the scheduled hearing, where the parties shall address the issues identified in this tentative ruling and such other issues as are necessary and appropriate to the court's resolution of the matter.

Below is the court's tentative ruling, rendered on the assumption that there will be no opposition to the motion. If there is opposition presented, the court will consider the opposition and whether further hearing is proper pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(2)(C).

Local Rule 9014-1(f)(2) Motion—Hearing Required.

Sufficient Notice Provided. The Proof of Service states that the Motion and supporting pleadings were served on Debtor, Debtor's Attorney, Chapter 7 Trustee, and Office of the United States Trustee on July 9, 2020. By the court's calculation, 14 days' notice was provided. 14 days' notice is required.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay was properly set for hearing on the notice required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(2). Debtor, creditors, the Chapter 7 Trustee, the U.S. Trustee, and any other parties in interest were not required to file a written response or opposition to the motion. If any of these potential respondents appear at the hearing and offer opposition to the motion, the court will set a briefing schedule and a final hearing, unless there is no need to develop the record further. If no opposition is offered at the hearing, the court will take up the merits of the motion. At the hearing,

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay is granted.

PNC Equipment Finance, LLC ("Movant") seeks relief from the automatic stay with respect to an asset identified as a 2017 Wabash DVCVHPC Duraplate Trailer, VIN ending in #1641("Vehicle").

The moving party has provided the Declaration of Michael McGinley to introduce evidence to authenticate the documents upon which it bases the claim and the obligation owed by Aliaksei Fliaha ("Debtor").

Declarant testifies that on November 30, 2016, Debtor's corporation, AVD Transportation & Logistics, Inc. entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (the "Agreement") with Wabash National Financial Services to finance the purchase of the Vehicle. Declaration, ¶ 5; Dckt. 91. Wabash National Financial Services perfected its interest in the Trailer by obtaining a Certificate of Title from the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles. Id., ¶ 7. Wabash National Financial Services is a fictitious business name of Movant. Id., ¶ 8.

Additionally, Declarant asserts that Debtor personally guaranteed the obligations of AVD Transportation & Logistics, Inc. pursuant to the Agreement, as evidenced by the Personal Guaranty filed as Exhibit "4" (Dckt. 92) in support of the Motion. Id., ¶ 9.

Movant argues that Debtor has not made six (6) post-petition payments, with a total of 3,710.70 in post-petition payments past due. *Id.*, ¶ 10.

## TRUSTEE'S NON-OPPOSITION

Trustee has no opposition to the relief requested. Trustee's July 10, 2020 Docket Entry Statement.

### **DISCUSSION**

In the Motion, Movant states that the Vehicle was purchased by AVD Transportation & Logistics and Movant has perfected its lien in the Vehicle purchased by AVD Transportation & Logistics. Further, Debtor provided a guaranty of the obligation owed by AVD Transportation & Logistics to Movant, and AVD Transportation & Logistics gave a lien on its vehicle to Movant for that obligation.

From the evidence provided to the court, and only for purposes of this Motion for Relief, the debt secured by this asset is determined to be \$21,431.25 (Declaration, ¶ 11), while the value of the Vehicle is determined to be \$22,000.00, as stated in Schedules A/B and D filed by Debtor.

The Certificate of Title filed as Exhibit 2 Lists the registered owner as ADV Trans/Logistics, Inc. and the lien holder as BMO Harris Bank, N.A.

However, Debtor has listed the Vehicle in Amended Schedule B as having been an asset of the Debtor when this case was commenced, and thereby property of the bankruptcy estate as provided in 11 U.S.C. § 541(a). It is unclear why Debtor asserted ownership of or an interest in the Vehicle owned by the corporation.

## 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1): Grant Relief for Cause

Whether there is cause under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) to grant relief from the automatic stay is a matter within the discretion of a bankruptcy court and is decided on a case-by-case basis. *See J E Livestock, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (In re J E Livestock, Inc.)*, 375 B.R. 892 (B.A.P. 10th Cir.

2007) (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. 137, 140 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2003)) (explaining that granting relief is determined on a case-by-case basis because "cause" is not further defined in the Bankruptcy Code); *In re Silverling*, 179 B.R. 909 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 1995), *aff'd sub nom. Silverling v. United States (In re Silverling)*, No. CIV. S-95-470 WBS, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4332 (E.D. Cal. 1996). While granting relief for cause includes a lack of adequate protection, there are other grounds. *See In re J E Livestock, Inc.*, 375 B.R. at 897 (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. at 140). The court maintains the right to grant relief from stay for cause when a debtor has not been diligent in carrying out his or her duties in the bankruptcy case, has not made required payments, or is using bankruptcy as a means to delay payment or foreclosure. *W. Equities, Inc. v. Harlan (In re Harlan)*, 783 F.2d 839 (9th Cir. 1986); *Ellis v. Parr (In re Ellis)*, 60 B.R. 432 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1985). The court determines that cause exists for terminating the automatic stay, including defaults in post-petition payments that have come due. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1); *In re Ellis*, 60 B.R. 432.

Here, Movant asserts that cause exists for granting relief on the basis that Debtor personally guaranteed Borrower AVD Transportation & Logistics, Inc.'s loan obligations, which Vehicle is listed on Debtor's Amended Schedules.

The evidence presented by Movant demonstrates that the property securing the obligation of AVD Transportation & Logistics, Inc. is owned by Debtor and that Debtor personally guaranteed it. Exhibit 4, Dckt. 92. Debtor lists AVD Transportation & Logistics, Inc. as a business name used in the last eight (8) years. Petition, Dckt. 1.

The instant bankruptcy was filed on December 31, 2019. Dckt. 1. Debtor has not made any payment for their guaranty obligations on the loan since January 2020. Declaration, Dckt. 91. Cause exists to grant relief from the automatic stay.

## 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2)

A debtor has no equity in property when the liens against the property exceed the property's value. *Stewart v. Gurley*, 745 F.2d 1194, 1195 (9th Cir. 1984). Once a movant under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2) establishes that a debtor or estate has no equity in property, it is the burden of the debtor or trustee to establish that the collateral at issue is necessary to an effective reorganization. 11 U.S.C. § 362(g)(2); *United Sav. Ass'n of Texas v. Timbers of Inwood Forest Assocs. Ltd.*, 484 U.S. 365, 375–76 (1988). Based upon the evidence submitted, the court determines that there is no equity in the Vehicle for either Debtor or the Estate. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2). This being a Chapter 7 case, the Vehicle is *per se* not necessary for an effective reorganization. *See Ramco Indus. v. Preuss (In re Preuss)*, 15 B.R. 896 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1981).

The court shall issue an order terminating and vacating the automatic stay to allow Movant, and its agents, representatives and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Vehicle, to repossess, dispose of, or sell the asset pursuant to applicable nonbankruptcy law and their contractual rights, and for any purchaser, or successor to a purchaser, to obtain possession of the asset.

### Request for Waiver of Fourteen-Day Stay of Enforcement

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) stays an order granting a motion for relief from the automatic stay for fourteen days after the order is entered, unless the court orders otherwise. Movant requests that the court grant relief from the Rule as adopted by the United States Supreme Court.

Movant has pleaded adequate facts and presented sufficient evidence to support the court waiving the fourteen-day stay of enforcement required under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3), and this part of the requested relief is granted.

No other or additional relief is granted by the court.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay filed by PNC Equipment Finance, LLC ("Movant") having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are vacated to allow Movant, its agents, representatives, and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Vehicle, under its security agreement, loan documents granting it a lien in the asset identified as a 2017 Wabash DVCVHPC Duraplate Trailer ("Vehicle"), and applicable nonbankruptcy law to obtain possession of, nonjudicially sell, and apply proceeds from the sale of the Vehicle to the obligation secured thereby.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fourteen-day stay of enforcement provided in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) is waived for cause.

No other or additional relief is granted.

# FINAL RULINGS

2. <u>20-22071</u>-E-7 BRIAN MAES AND LAUREN WILKISON

Nicholas Wajda

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 6-17-20 [19]

BRIDGECREST CREDIT COMPANY, LLC VS.

**Final Ruling:** No appearance at the July 23, 2020 hearing is required.

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Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) Motion—No Opposition Filed.

Sufficient Notice Provided. The Proof of Service states that the Motion and supporting pleadings were served on Debtor, Debtor's Attorney, Chapter 7 Trustee, and Office of the United States Trustee on June 17, 2020. By the court's calculation, 36 days' notice was provided. 28 days' notice is required.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay has been set for hearing on the notice required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1). Failure of the respondent and other parties in interest to file written opposition at least fourteen days prior to the hearing as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1)(B) is considered to be the equivalent of a statement of nonopposition. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (upholding a court ruling based upon a local rule construing a party's failure to file opposition as consent to grant a motion). Further, because the court will not materially alter the relief requested by the moving party, an actual hearing is unnecessary. *See Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006). Therefore, the defaults of the non-responding parties and other parties in interest are entered. Upon review of the record, there are no disputed material factual issues, and the matter will be resolved without oral argument. The court will issue its ruling from the parties' pleadings.

## The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay is granted.

Bridgecrest Credit Company, LLC ("Movant") seeks relief from the automatic stay with respect to an asset identified as a 2016 Jeep Compass FWD, VIN ending in #6824 ("Vehicle"). The moving party has provided the Declaration of Jennifer Cruise to introduce evidence to authenticate the documents upon which it bases the claim and the obligation owed by Brian James Maes and Lauren Marie Wilkison ("Debtor").

Movant argues Debtor has not made one (1) post-petition payment, with a total of \$220.00 in post-petition payment past due. Declaration, Dckt. 21.

The Jennifer Cruise Declaration also seeks to introduce evidence establishing the Vehicle's value. Though the NADA Valuation Report is attached as an Exhibit, it is not properly authenticated.

Movant has not provided the court with a basis for determining that this out of court statement is admissible hearsay. FED. R. EVID. 802, 803. The court will not presume to make evidentiary legal assertions for Movant, which may or may not be so intended. Some common hearsay exceptions include: records of a regularly conducted activity, public records, and market reports and similar commercial publications. FED. R. EVID. 803(6), (8), and (17).

Though the court will *sua sponte* take notice that the NADA Valuation Report can be within the "market reports and similar commercial publications" exception to the hearsay rule (Federal Rule of Evidence 803(17)), it does not resolve the authentication requirement. FED. R. EVID. 901. In this case, and because no opposition has been asserted by Debtor, the court will presume the Declaration of Jennifer Cruise to be that she obtained the NADA Valuation Report and is providing that to the court under penalty of perjury. Movant and counsel should not presume that the court will provide *sua sponte* corrections to any defects in evidence presented to the court.

## TRUSTEE'S NON-OPPOSITION

Trustee has no opposition to the relief requested. Trustee's July 9, 2020 Docket Entry Statement.

### **DISCUSSION**

From the evidence provided to the court, and only for purposes of this Motion for Relief, the debt secured by this asset is determined to be \$18,183.87 (Declaration, Dckt. 21). Debtor values the Vehicle at \$5,634.00, as stated in Schedules A/B and D filed by Debtor. Movant's NADA Valuation Report values the Vehicle at \$11,325.00. Dckt. 22.

### 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1): Grant Relief for Cause

Whether there is cause under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) to grant relief from the automatic stay is a matter within the discretion of a bankruptcy court and is decided on a case-by-case basis. *See J E Livestock, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (In re J E Livestock, Inc.)*, 375 B.R. 892 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2007) (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. 137, 140 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2003)) (explaining that granting relief is determined on a case-by-case basis because "cause" is not further defined in the Bankruptcy Code); *In re Silverling*, 179 B.R. 909 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 1995), *aff'd sub nom. Silverling v. United States (In re Silverling)*, No. CIV. S-95-470 WBS, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4332 (E.D. Cal. 1996). While granting relief for cause includes a lack of adequate protection, there are other grounds. *See In re J E Livestock, Inc.*, 375 B.R. at 897 (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. at 140). The court maintains the right to grant relief from stay for cause when a debtor has not been diligent in carrying out his or her duties in the bankruptcy case, has not made required payments, or is using bankruptcy as a means to delay payment or foreclosure. *W. Equities, Inc. v. Harlan (In re Harlan)*, 783 F.2d 839 (9th Cir. 1986); *Ellis v. Parr (In re Ellis)*, 60 B.R. 432 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1985). The court determines that cause exists for terminating the automatic stay, including defaults in post-petition payments that have come due. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1); *In re Ellis*, 60 B.R. 432.

## 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2)

A debtor has no equity in property when the liens against the property exceed the property's value. *Stewart v. Gurley*, 745 F.2d 1194, 1195 (9th Cir. 1984). Once a movant under 11 U.S.C.

§ 362(d)(2) establishes that a debtor or estate has no equity in property, it is the burden of the debtor or trustee to establish that the collateral at issue is necessary to an effective reorganization. 11 U.S.C. § 362(g)(2); *United Sav. Ass'n of Texas v. Timbers of Inwood Forest Assocs. Ltd.*, 484 U.S. 365, 375–76 (1988). Based upon the evidence submitted, the court determines that there is no equity in the Vehicle for either Debtor or the Estate. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2). This being a Chapter 7 case, the Vehicle is *per se* not necessary for an effective reorganization. *See Ramco Indus. v. Preuss (In re Preuss)*, 15 B.R. 896 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1981).

The court shall issue an order terminating and vacating the automatic stay to allow Movant, and its agents, representatives and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Vehicle, to repossess, dispose of, or sell the asset pursuant to applicable nonbankruptcy law and their contractual rights, and for any purchaser, or successor to a purchaser, to obtain possession of the asset.

## Request for Waiver of Fourteen-Day Stay of Enforcement

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) stays an order granting a motion for relief from the automatic stay for fourteen days after the order is entered, unless the court orders otherwise. Movant requests, for no particular reason, that the court grant relief from the Rule as adopted by the United States Supreme Court. With no grounds for such relief specified, the court will not grant additional relief merely stated in the prayer.

Movant has not pleaded adequate facts and presented sufficient evidence to support the court waiving the fourteen-day stay of enforcement required under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3), and this part of the requested relief is not granted.

## **Request for Prospective Injunctive Relief**

Movant makes an **additional request stated in the prayer**, for which no grounds are clearly stated in the Motion. Movant's further relief requested in the prayer is that this court make this order, **as opposed to every other order issued by the court**, binding and effective despite any conversion of this case to another chapter of the Code. Though stated in the prayer, no grounds are stated in the Motion for grounds for such relief from the stay. The Motion presumes that conversion of the bankruptcy case will be reimposed if this case were converted to one under another Chapter.

As stated above, Movant's Motion does not state any grounds for such relief. Movant does not allege that notwithstanding an order granting relief from the automatic stay, a stealth stay continues in existence, waiting to spring to life and render prior orders of this court granting relief from the stay invalid and rendering all acts taken by parties in reliance on that order void.

No points and authorities is provided in support of the Motion. This is not unusual for a relatively simple (in a legal authorities sense) motion for relief from stay as the one before the court. Other than referencing the court to the legal basis (11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(3) or (4)) and then pleading adequate grounds thereunder, it is not necessary for a movant to provide a copy of the statute quotations from well known cases. However, if a movant is seeking relief from a possible future stay, which may arise upon conversion, the legal points and authorities for such heretofore unknown nascent stay is necessary.

As noted by another bankruptcy judge, such request (unsupported by any grounds or legal authority) for relief of a future stay in the same bankruptcy case:

[A] request for an order stating that the court's termination of the automatic stay will be binding despite conversion of the case to another chapter unless a specific exception is provided by the Bankruptcy Code is a common, albeit silly, request in a stay relief motion and does not require an adversary proceeding. Settled bankruptcy law recognizes that the order remains effective in such circumstances. Hence, the proposed provision is merely declarative of existing law and is not appropriate to include in a stay relief order.

Indeed, requests for including in orders provisions that are declarative of existing law are not innocuous. First, the mere fact that counsel finds it necessary to ask for such a ruling fosters the misimpression that the law is other than it is. Moreover, one who routinely makes such unnecessary requests may eventually have to deal with an opponent who uses the fact of one's pattern of making such requests as that lawyer's concession that the law is not as it is.

*In re Van Ness*, 399 B.R. 897, 907 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 2009) (citing *Aloyan v. Campos (In re Campos)*, 128 B.R. 790, 791–92 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 1991); *In re Greetis*, 98 B.R. 509, 513 (Bankr. S.D. Cal. 1989)).

As noted in the 2009 ruling quoted above, the "silly" request for unnecessary relief may well be ultimately deemed an admission by Movant and its counsel that all orders granting relief from the automatic stay are immediately terminated as to any relief granted Movant and other creditors represented by counsel, and upon conversion, any action taken by such creditor is a *per se* violation of the automatic stay.

No other or additional relief is granted by the court.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay filed by Bridgecrest Credit Company, LLC ("Movant") having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are vacated to allow Movant, its agents, representatives, and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Vehicle, under its security agreement, loan documents granting it a lien in the asset identified as a 2016 Jeep Compass FWD ("Vehicle"), and applicable nonbankruptcy law to obtain possession of, nonjudicially sell, and apply proceeds from the sale of the Vehicle to the obligation secured thereby.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fourteen-day stay of

enforcement provided in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) is not waived for cause.

No other or additional relief is granted.

3. <u>20-22893</u>-E-7 <u>JHW</u>-1 3 thru 4 ROBERT/BARBARA SAMS Dennise Henderson MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 6-19-20 [14]

CAB WEST, LLC VS.

**Final Ruling:** No appearance at the July 23, 2020 hearing is required.

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Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) Motion—No Opposition Filed.

Sufficient Notice Provided. The Proof of Service states that the Motion and supporting pleadings were served on Debtor, Debtor's Attorney, Chapter 7 Trustee, parties requesting special notice, and Office of the United States Trustee on June 19, 2020. By the court's calculation, 34 days' notice was provided. 28 days' notice is required.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay has been set for hearing on the notice required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1). Failure of the respondent and other parties in interest to file written opposition at least fourteen days prior to the hearing as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1)(B) is considered to be the equivalent of a statement of nonopposition. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (upholding a court ruling based upon a local rule construing a party's failure to file opposition as consent to grant a motion). Further, because the court will not materially alter the relief requested by the moving party, an actual hearing is unnecessary. *See Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006). Therefore, the defaults of the non-responding parties and other parties in interest are entered. Upon review of the record, there are no disputed material factual issues, and the matter will be resolved without oral argument. The court will issue its ruling from the parties' pleadings.

# The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay is granted.

CAB WEST, LLC ("Movant") seeks relief from the automatic stay with respect to an asset identified as a 2019 Ford Explorer, VIN ending in #1062 ("Vehicle"). The moving party has provided the Declaration of Jacklyn Larson to introduce evidence to authenticate the documents upon which it bases the claim and the obligation owed by Robert J. Sams and Barbara Sams ("Debtor"). Debtor is the Lessee of the Vehicle.

Movant also provides evidence that there are 5.99 pre-petition payments in default, with a pre-petition arrearage of \$3,344.28. Declaration, Dckt. 17.

### **DISCUSSION**

From the evidence provided to the court, and only for purposes of this Motion for Relief, the debt secured by this asset is determined to be \$35,561.70 (Declaration, Dckt. 17).

Debtor's Statement of Intention provides for the surrender of the Vehicle. Dckt. 1. Moreover, as Movant's Declarant testifies, the Vehicle was voluntarily surrendered to Movant prepetition on May 19, 2020. Dckt. 17.

## 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1): Grant Relief for Cause

Whether there is cause under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) to grant relief from the automatic stay is a matter within the discretion of a bankruptcy court and is decided on a case-by-case basis. *See J E Livestock, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (In re J E Livestock, Inc.)*, 375 B.R. 892 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2007) (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. 137, 140 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2003)) (explaining that granting relief is determined on a case-by-case basis because "cause" is not further defined in the Bankruptcy Code); *In re Silverling*, 179 B.R. 909 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 1995), *aff'd sub nom. Silverling v. United States (In re Silverling)*, No. CIV. S-95-470 WBS, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4332 (E.D. Cal. 1996). While granting relief for cause includes a lack of adequate protection, there are other grounds. *See In re J E Livestock, Inc.*, 375 B.R. at 897 (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. at 140). The court maintains the right to grant relief from stay for cause when a debtor has not been diligent in carrying out his or her duties in the bankruptcy case, has not made required payments, or is using bankruptcy as a means to delay payment or foreclosure. *W. Equities, Inc. v. Harlan (In re Harlan)*, 783 F.2d 839 (9th Cir. 1986); *Ellis v. Parr (In re Ellis)*, 60 B.R. 432 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1985). The court determines that cause exists for terminating the automatic stay, including defaults in post-petition payments that have come due. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1); *In re Ellis*, 60 B.R. 432.

The court shall issue an order terminating and vacating the automatic stay to allow Movant, and its agents, representatives and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Vehicle, to repossess, dispose of, or sell the asset pursuant to applicable nonbankruptcy law and their contractual rights, and for any purchaser, or successor to a purchaser, to obtain possession of the asset.

## Request for Waiver of Fourteen-Day Stay of Enforcement

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) stays an order granting a motion for relief from the automatic stay for fourteen days after the order is entered, unless the court orders otherwise. Movant requests that the court grant relief from the Rule as adopted by the United States Supreme Court.

Movant has pleaded adequate facts and presented sufficient evidence to support the court waiving the fourteen-day stay of enforcement required under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3), and this part of the requested relief is granted.

No other or additional relief is granted by the court.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay filed by CAB WEST, LLC ("Movant") having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are vacated to allow Movant, its agents, representatives, and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Vehicle, under its security agreement, loan documents granting it a lien in the asset identified as a 2019 Ford Explorer ("Vehicle"), and applicable nonbankruptcy law to obtain possession of, nonjudicially sell, and apply proceeds from the sale of the Vehicle to the obligation secured thereby.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fourteen-day stay of enforcement provided in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) is waived for cause.

No other or additional relief is granted.

# 20-22893-E-7 ROBERT/BARBARA SAMS Dennise Henderson

CONTINUED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
-FAILURE TO PAY FEES
6-19-20 [21]

Final Ruling: No appearance at the July 23, 2020 Hearing is required.

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The Order to Show Cause was served by the Clerk of the Court on Debtor, Debtor's Attorney, and Chapter 7 Trustee as stated on the Certificate of Service on June 21, 2020. The court computes that 18 days' notice has been provided.

The court issued an Order to Show Cause based on Debtor's failure to pay the required fees in this case: \$335.00 due on June 5, 2020.

## The Order to Show Cause is sustained, and the case is dismissed.

The court's docket reflects that the default in payment that is the subjection of the Order to Show Cause has not been cured. The following filing fees are delinquent and unpaid by Debtor: \$335.00.

## Review of Current Case, and Multiple Prior Filings and Dismissals

In reviewing the court's files, the following recent bankruptcy cases filed by the Debtors and dismissed have been identified:

Chapter 7 Case 20-21964

Filed......April 6, 2020 Counsel for Debtor....Dennise Henderson Dismissed......April 24, 2020

Basis For Dismissal......Failure to File Schedules, Statement of Financial Affairs, and other Documents. Notice of Incomplete Filing and Order; Dckts. 8, 13.

Chapter 7 Case 20-201647

Filed......March 18, 2020 Counsel for Debtor....Dennise Henderson Dismissed......April 6, 2020

Basis For Dismissal......Failure to File Schedules, Statement of Financial Affairs, and other Documents. Notice of Incomplete Filing and Order; Dckts. 5, 25.

In the current case, Debtor has filed Schedules, the Statement of Financial Affairs, and the other initial documents required of a debtor seeking relief under the Bankruptcy Code. Dckt. 1.

In reviewing the Statement of Financial Affairs, in response to Question 16, Debtors stated under penalty of perjury that they have not paid anyone any money for any services relating to seeking bankruptcy or preparing a bankruptcy petition. Dekt. 1 at 38.

But this is inconsistent with the Disclosure of Compensation by Debtor's counsel in this case, Dennise Henderson, in which Ms. Henderson states that she has received \$2,000 from the Debtors prior to the commencement of this case for a slew of bankruptcy preparation and filing services. Dckt. 1 at 50. No Disclosure of Compensation was filed in either of the two prior cases this year.

## Motion for Relief From Automatic Stay

On June 19, 2020, CAB West, LLC filed a Motion for Relief From the Automatic Stay. Dckt. 14. The Motion seeks relief with respect to a leased vehicle, which the Motion states was surrendered to Movant on May 19, 2020. This motion was filed, notwithstanding Debtors having had pending and dismissed two prior cases within one year of the commencement of this case.

## July 9, 2020 Hearing

At the July 9, 2020 hearing the court continued the hearing so as to be conducted in conjunction with the Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay filed by CAB West, LLC.

### **DECISION**

The Motion for Relief has been granted. Debtor having failed to cure the \$335.00 default subject of this Order, the Order to Show Cause is sustained, and the case is dismissed.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Order to Show Cause having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Order to Show Cause is sustained, no other sanctions are issued pursuant thereto, and the case is dismissed.