



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California

Honorable Corrine Bielejeski
Bankruptcy Judge
Department D, Courtroom #33
Sacramento, CA

October 19, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS

Each matter on this calendar will have one of three possible designations: No Ruling, Tentative Ruling, or Final Ruling. These instructions apply to those designations.

No Ruling: All parties will need to appear at the hearing unless otherwise ordered.

Tentative Ruling: If a matter has been designated as a tentative ruling it will be called, and all parties will need to appear at the hearing unless otherwise ordered. **IF THE MOVING PARTY FAILS TO ATTEND THE HEARING, THE MOTION MAY BE DENIED FOR LACK OF PROSECUTION.** The court may continue the hearing on the matter, set a briefing schedule, or enter other orders appropriate for efficient and proper resolution of the matter. The original moving or objecting party shall give notice of the continued hearing date and the deadlines. The minutes of the hearing will be the court's findings and conclusions.

Final Ruling: Unless otherwise ordered, there will be no hearing on these matters. The final disposition of the matter is set forth in the ruling and it will appear in the minutes. The final ruling may or may not finally adjudicate the matter. If it is finally adjudicated, the minutes constitute the court's findings and conclusions.

Orders: Unless the court specifies in the tentative or final ruling that it will issue an order, the prevailing party shall lodge an order within 14 days of the final hearing on the matter.

Post-Publication Changes: The court endeavors to publish its rulings as soon as possible. However, calendar preparation is ongoing and **these rulings may be revised or updated at any time prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled hearings.** Please check at that time for any possible updates.

1. [26-24600](#)-D-7 **IN RE: DONNA DOBBINS**

PRO SE REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT WITH TRAVIS CREDIT UNION
9-25-2026 [[24](#)]

Tentative Ruling. Hearing will go forward as scheduled. Remote appearances are allowed.

The court notes that Debtor failed to check the box as to whether she was represented by counsel and failed to fill out Part C of the reaffirmation agreement regarding her income, expenses, and ability to afford the reaffirmed payment. Debtor's Schedule I and J (docket #1) state that Debtor is negative \$771.35 per month. Creditor is requesting that Debtor reaffirm an amount higher than that due on the date of the bankruptcy petition and will need to explain why that should be allowed. The court is likely to DENY the reaffirmation agreement without prejudice and allow the parties to correct the errors.

2. [26-24684](#)-D-7 **IN RE: STEPHANIE MURRAY**

REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL ONE AUTO FINANCE
9-17-2026 [[12](#)]

MARK SHMORGON/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling. No appearances required. Reaffirmation agreement was scheduled for hearing in error. Reaffirmation agreement is APPROVED.

The reaffirmation agreement does not increase the interest rate or amount due from the petition date. Debtor's Schedule I and J (docket #1) and her assertions in the reaffirmation agreement (docket #12) state that she can afford the agreement. The reaffirmation agreement was signed off by all parties, including Debtor's counsel. Good cause appearing, this agreement is APPROVED. The court will enter a minute order. If any party prefers a more in depth order, they may upload one for the court's signature.

3. [25-26107](#)-D-7 **IN RE: MAURICIO/IRMA COLATO**
[BHS-1](#)

MOTION TO EMPLOY BARRY H. SPITZER AS ATTORNEY(S) AND/OR
MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR BERRY H. SPITZER, TRUSTEE'S
ATTORNEY(S)
9-23-2026 [[21](#)]

DAVID VAN DYKE/ATTY. FOR DBT.
GEOFFREY RICHARDS/ATTY. FOR MV.

Tentative Ruling. Notice of Motion allows for opposition to be made at the hearing. Appearance by Proposed Counsel required or motion may be denied for lack of prosecution. Remote appearances are allowed.

This motion was filed and served on at least 14 days' notice prior to the hearing date pursuant to Local Rule of Practice ("LBR") 9014-1(f)(2) and will proceed as scheduled. Unless opposition is presented at the hearing, the court intends to enter the respondents' defaults and grant the motion. If opposition is presented at the hearing, the court will consider the opposition and whether further hearing is necessary.

Geoffrey Richards ("Trustee"), the Chapter 7 panel trustee appointed in this matter, moves for authorization to employ the Law Office of Barry H. Spitzer. Doc. 21. Trustee requires counsel's services to prepare a sale motion as well as to assist Trustee with other matters in the case. The firm will be paid a \$1,950.00 flat fee. Doc. 21.

Counsel has verified that it has no connection with Debtors, the Trustee, Debtors' creditors, Debtors' accountants, and any other party in interest. Decl. Barry H. Spitzer, Doc. 24. After review of the evidence, the court finds that Counsel does not represent or hold an adverse interest to the Debtors or to the estate.

Opposition to the motion may be presented at the hearing. As of October 14, 2026, no opposition has been filed. The Trustee and/or his proposed counsel should be prepared to discuss why they did not serve Debtors' counsel with a paper copy of the motions in this case.

Accordingly, subject to opposition raised at or before the hearing, this motion is GRANTED. The minutes of the hearing will be the court's findings and conclusions. The Moving Party shall submit a proposed order after the hearing.

MOTION TO SELL
9-23-2026 [[26](#)]

DAVID VAN DYKE/ATTY. FOR DBT.
BARRY SPITZER/ATTY. FOR MV.

Tentative Ruling. This motion will be GRANTED, subject to opposition raised during the hearing or overbid as stated below. The minutes of the hearing will be the court's findings and conclusions. The Moving Party will submit a proposed order after the hearing.

Geoffrey Richards ("Trustee"), the Chapter 7 trustee of the bankruptcy estate of Mauricio and Irma Colato ("Debtors"), moves the court pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §363 for an order authorizing the sale of the bankruptcy estate's interest in a 2015 Nissan Versa to Debtors for \$3,219.04, subject to overbid. Doc. 26. This matter was set on less than 28 days' notice, therefore opposition may be raised for the first time at the hearing.

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §363(b)(1), the trustee, after notice and a hearing, may "use, sell, or lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the estate." Proposed sales under §363(b) are reviewed to determine whether they are: (1) in the best interests of the estate resulting from a fair and reasonable price; (2) supported by a valid business judgment; and (3) proposed in good faith. *In re Alaska Fishing Adventure, LLC*, 594 B.R. 883, 887 (Bankr. D. Alaska 2018) (citing *240 N. Brand Partners, Ltd. v. Colony GFP Partners, L.P.* (In re *240 N. Brand Partners, Ltd.*), 200 B.R. 653, 659 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1996)). "In the context of sales of estate property under §363, a bankruptcy court 'should determine only whether the trustee's judgment [is] reasonable and whether a sound business justification exists supporting the sale and its terms.'" *Alaska Fishing Adventure*, 594 B.R. at 889 (quoting 3 COLLIER ON BANKRUPTCY ¶ 363.02[4] (Richard Levin & Henry J. Sommer eds., 16th ed.)).

Trustee believes that approval of the sale on the terms set forth in the motion is in the best interests of the estate and has a valid business justification. Doc. 26. Trustee's proposed sale to Debtor is made in consideration of the full and fair market value of the Vehicle. *Id.* Debtor offers to buy the Vehicle for \$3,219.04, subject to overbid at the hearing. *Id.* Bidders were required to submit a cashier's check or certified check so that the trustee received it "no later than 5 p.m. on October 15, 2026." *Id.* The trustee also seeks waiver of FRBP 6004(h), as "the Debtors are purchasing back the Vehicle."

It appears that the sale of the estate's interest in the Vehicle is in the best interests of the estate, the Vehicle will be sold for a fair and reasonable price, and the sale is supported by a valid business judgment and proposed in good faith.

Overbidding for the 2015 Nissan Versa shall begin at \$3,419.04 with successful bidders being required to sign a purchase and sale agreement with the same terms as listed in Exhibit A to the motion to sell. Doc. 26, 29. The court notes

Exhibit A incorrectly states the case was filed on November 7, 2025, instead of October 31, 2025. Doc. 29. Overbidding shall continue in \$200 increments.

Accordingly, subject to opposition or overbid offers made at the hearing, the court is inclined to GRANT Trustee's motion and authorize the sale of the estate's interest in the Vehicle to Debtors on the terms set forth in the motion, including waiving FRBP 6004(h). Trustee to upload a proposed order after the hearing.

The Trustee and/or his counsel should be prepared to discuss why they did not serve Debtors' counsel with a paper copy of the motions in this case.

5. [26-25264](#)-D-7 **IN RE: FERNANDO PENA**
[CVN-1](#)

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY
10-5-2026 [[21](#)]

CALVIN CLEMENTS/ATTY. FOR MV.
CREEKSIDE VILLAGE SENIOR APARTMENTS, LP VS.

Tentative Ruling. Hearing will go forward as scheduled. Remote appearances are allowed. The court is likely to DENY the motion.

Creditor Creekside Village Senior Apartments ("Creditor") moves for Relief from the Automatic Stay to continue an unlawful detainer action and to obtain possession of the real property located at 6433 Village Center Drive, #208. Doc. 21.

While Creditor filed the required Coversheet, its coversheet fails to list the amount Debtor is behind and the grounds for relief. Doc. 25. Creditor's declaration states that rent was \$1,995.00 per month (Docket #23), but the lease filed as Exhibit 1 lists rent at \$1,805.00 per month. Doc. 24. Creditor has failed to state why waiver of FRBP 4001(a)(4) is warranted.

This motion was filed and served on less than 28 days' notice and will proceed as scheduled. Opposition, if any, may be made at the hearing.

6. [26-24586](#)-D-7 **IN RE: ALISHA CHAPMAN**
[KMM-1](#)

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY
9-14-2026 [[14](#)]

MOHAMMAD MOKARRAM/ATTY. FOR DBT.
KIRSTEN MARTINEZ/ATTY. FOR MV.
GLOBAL LENDING SERVICES LLC VS.

Final Ruling. No appearances required. Motion required opposition at least 14 days prior to the hearing. No opposition filed. Good cause appearing, Motion for Relief from Stay is APPROVED. Moving party to submit an order.

Global Lending Services LLC ("Creditor") moves for relief from stay to repossess and/or dispose of a 2017 Land Rover Range Rover Evoque in accordance with applicable non-bankruptcy law. Doc. 14.

This motion was set for hearing on 28 days' notice as required by Local Rule of Practice ("LBR") 9014-1(f)(1). Doc. 15. Service was proper. Doc. 19. The failure of creditors, the debtor, the U.S. Trustee, or any other party in interest to file written opposition at least 14 days prior to the hearing as required by LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B) may be deemed a waiver of any opposition to the granting of the motion. *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995).

Creditor's declaration and exhibits in support show that Debtor was behind on her loan payments at the time of the filing, that Debtor has not made the August 23, 2026 payment that came due post-petition, and that Debtor's Statement of Intention in this case lists Debtor's intent to surrender the property. Doc. 16 and 17. There is no equity in the vehicle, and the Chapter 7 trustee has already held the 341 meeting and filed a report of no distribution. Docket entries between docket #12 and docket #13, filed on September 4, 2026 and September 11, 2026 respectively.

Good cause appearing, Creditor's motion is GRANTED. Creditor is instructed to upload a proposed order for the court's signature. Due to the BNC outage, Creditor will be required to serve a copy of the order on any parties it would have otherwise requested that BNC serve.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR FAILURE TO UPDATE CONTACT
INFORMATION IN PACER
9-24-2026 [[15](#)]

ANERIO ALTMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Tentative Ruling. Hearing will go forward as scheduled. Debtor's counsel shall either appear in person or via ZoomGov (Video only).

The e-mail addresses listed for Debtor's counsel on the petition and on PACER were different, so the court issued an Order to Show Cause. Doc. 15. Mr. Altman filed a response to the Order to Show Cause, which does not deny the allegations. Doc. 17. Instead, he states that he will update the petition by the hearing. *Id.*

The court notes that the Order to Show Cause was served on September 24, 2026. Doc. 16. Counsel had not resolved the issue at the time the court prepared this pre-hearing disposition, 3 weeks after service of the Order to Show Cause. The court maintains a robust electronic filing training page - [United States Bankruptcy Court - Eastern District of California](#) - <https://www.caeb.uscourts.gov/ElectronicFiling/Index>. Being from out of the area or filing cases in multiple courts is not an excuse for failing to provide accurate contact information in this court.

The court expects Mr. Altman to have updated either the petition and/or his PACER account prior to the call of the calendar. Sanctions for being out of compliance with the court's procedures for one and a half months from the date of the petition may include attending an MCLE course or court training, a monetary sanction, and/or temporary suspension of filing privileges until the issue is corrected.