UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern District of California

Honorable Ronald H. Sargis Chief Bankruptcy Judge Sacramento, California

November 17, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

1. <u>13-32506</u>-E-7 R KH-1 R

RICHARD EADDY Richard Jare MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 10-28-16 [139]

COLFIN A1-CA 1, 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.

Correct 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 October 28, 2016. By the court's calculation, 20 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). The Debtor, Creditors, the 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,

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The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay is granted.

Colfin A1-CA 1, LLC ("Movant") seeks relief from the automatic stay with respect to the real property commonly known as 8204 Turnbury Drive, Sacramento, California ("Property"). The moving party has provided the Declaration of Candice Burney to introduce evidence as a basis for Movant's contention that Richard Eaddy ("Debtor") does not have an ownership interest in or a right to maintain possession of

the Property. Movant presents evidence that it is the owner of the Property. Movant asserts it is a property management company that executed a lease with debtor on July 8, 2016. Based on the evidence presented, Debtor would be at best a tenant at sufferance. Movant commenced an unlawful detainer action in California Superior Court, County of Sacramento and received a judgment for possession, with a Writ of Possession having been issued by that court on October 20, 2016. Exhibit 4, Dckt. 147.

Based upon the evidence submitted, the court determines that there is no equity in the Property for either the Debtor or the Estate. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2). This being a Chapter 7 case, the Property is *per se* not necessary for an effective reorganization. *See In re Preuss*, 15 B.R. 896 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1981).

Movant has presented a colorable claim for title to and possession of this real property. As stated by the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in *Hamilton v. Hernandez*, relief from stay proceedings are summary proceedings that address issues arising only under 11 U.S.C. Section 362(d). No. CC-04-1434-MaTK, 2005 Bankr. LEXIS 3427, at *8–9 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. Aug. 1, 2005) (citing *Johnson v. Righetti (In re Johnson)*, 756 F.2d 738, 740 (9th Cir. 1985)). The court does not determine underlying issues of ownership, contractual rights of parties, or issue declaratory relief as part of a motion for relief from the automatic stay in a Contested Matter (Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014).

The court shall issue an order terminating and vacating the automatic stay to allow Colfin A1-CA 1, LLC, and its agents, representatives and successors, to exercise its rights to obtain possession and control of the real property commonly known as 8204 Turnbury Drive, Sacramento, California, including unlawful detainer or other appropriate judicial proceedings and remedies to obtain possession thereof.

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) stays an order granting a motion for relief from 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.

Movant has also requested that the court's order granting relief be retroactive to July 8, 2016. Movant argues that neither Debtor nor Debtor's Attorney informed Movant about the active bankruptcy case.

No other or additional relief is granted by the court.

The court shall issue an 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 Colfin A1-CA 1, 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 that the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are vacated as of July 8, 2016, to allow Colfin A1-CA 1, LLC, and its agents, representatives and successors, to exercise and enforce all nonbankruptcy rights and remedies to obtain possession of the property commonly known as 8204 Turnbury Drive, Sacramento, California.

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.