## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern District of California
Honorable René Lastreto
Hearing Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016
Place: Department B – Courtroom #13
Fresno, California

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS

- 1. The following rulings are tentative. The tentative ruling will not become the final ruling until the matter is called at the scheduled hearing. Pre-disposed matters will generally be called, and the rulings placed on the record at the end of the calendar. Any party who desires to be heard with regard to a pre-disposed matter may appear at the hearing. If the party wishes to contest the tentative ruling, he/she shall notify the opposing party/counsel of his/her intention to appear. If no disposition is set forth below, the hearing will take place as scheduled.
- 2. Submission of Orders:

Unless the tentative ruling expressly states that the court will prepare a civil minute order, then the tentative ruling will only appear in the minutes. If any party desires an order, then the appropriate form of order, which conforms to the tentative ruling, must be submitted to the court. When the debtor(s) discharge has been entered, proposed orders for relief from stay must reflect that the motion is denied as to the debtor(s) and granted only as to the trustee. Entry of discharge normally is indicated on the calendar.

3. Matters Resolved Without Opposition:

If the tentative ruling states that no opposition was filed, and the moving party is aware of any reason, such as a settlement, why a response may not have been filed, the moving party must advise Vicky McKinney, the Calendar Clerk, at (559) 499-5825 by 4:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled hearing.

4. Matters Resolved by Stipulation:

If the parties resolve a matter by stipulation after the tentative ruling has been posted, but **before the formal order is entered on the docket**, the **moving party** may appear at the hearing and advise the court of the settlement or withdraw the motion. Alternatively, the parties may submit a stipulation and order to modify the tentative ruling together with the proposed order resolving the matter.

5. Resubmittal of Denied Matters:

If the moving party decides to re-file a matter that is denied without prejudice for any reason set forth below, the moving party must file and serve a new set of pleadings with a new docket control number. It may not simply re-notice the original motion.

THE COURT ENDEAVORS TO PUBLISH ITS PREDISPOSITIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER CALENDAR PREPARATION IS ONGOING AND THESE PREDISPOSITIONS 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 POSSIBLE UPDATES.

9:30 A.M.

1.  $\frac{16-13405}{PFT-1}-B-7$  JARED LUIS

OPPOSITION RE: TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SEC. 341(A) MEETING OF CREDITORS 10-25-16 [13]

MARK ZIMMERMAN/Atty. for dbt.

Debtor's counsel shall notify his client that no appearance is necessary at this hearing. The court will issue a civil minute order.

The debtor shall attend the meeting of creditors rescheduled for January 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. If the debtor fails to do so, the chapter 7 trustee may file a declaration with a proposed order and the case may be dismissed without a further hearing.

The time prescribed in Rules 1017(e)(1) and 4004(a) for the chapter 7 trustee and the U.S. Trustee to object to the debtor's discharge or to move for dismissal of the case under section 707(b) is extended to 60 days after the conclusion of the meeting of creditors.

2. <u>10-62319</u>-B-7 ERICA MARTINEZ PK-15 ERICA MARTINEZ/MV PATRICK KAVANAGH/Atty. for dbt. MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF CITIBANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 11-14-16 [214]

The motion will be granted without oral argument based upon well-pled facts. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondent's default will be entered. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, made applicable by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7055, governs default matters and is applicable to contested matters under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(c). Upon default, factual allegations will be taken as true (except those relating to amount of damages). Televideo Systems, Inc. v. Heidenthal (826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir., 1987). Constitutional due process requires that a plaintiff make a prima facie showing that they are entitled to the relief sought, which the movant has done here.

It appears from the evidence submitted and the record that the debtor is entitled to avoid this lien that impairs an exemption to which she would otherwise have been entitled.

3. 14-10019-B-7 ROY/LINDA SCOTT
EGS-1
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC/MV
DAVID JENKINS/Atty. for dbt.
EDWARD SCHLOSS/Atty. for mv.

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 11-15-16 [65]

This motion for relief from stay was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there was no opposition. The motion will be denied as moot as to the debtor because her discharge has been entered. The motion will be granted for cause shown as to the chapter 7 trustee. No appearance is necessary.

The automatic stay is terminated as it applies to the movant's right to enforce its remedies against the subject property under applicable nonbankruptcy law. The proposed order shall specifically describe the property or action to which the order relates. If the motion involves a foreclosure of real property in California, then the order shall also provide that the bankruptcy proceeding has been finalized for purposes of California Civil Code § 2923.5. If the notice and motion requested a waiver of Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3), that relief will be granted.

If the prayer for relief includes a request for adequate protection, and/or a request for an award of attorney fees, those requests will be denied without prejudice. Adequate protection is unnecessary in light of the relief granted herein. A motion for attorney fees pursuant to 11 U.S.C. \$506(b), or applicable nonbankruptcy law, must be separately noticed and separately briefed with appropriate legal authority and supporting documentation.

Unless the court expressly orders otherwise, the proposed order shall not include any other relief. If the proposed order includes extraneous or procedurally incorrect relief that is only available in an adversary proceeding then the order will rejected. See *In re Van Ness*, 399 B.R. 897 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 2009).

4. <u>16-13319</u>-B-7 NATHEN THOMPSON JES-1

OPPOSITION RE: TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SEC. 341(A) MEETING OF CREDITORS 10-24-16 [17]

No appearance is necessary. The court will issue a civil minute order.

The debtor shall attend the meeting of creditors rescheduled for December 16, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. If the debtor fails to do so, the chapter 7 trustee may file a declaration with a proposed order and the case may be dismissed without a further hearing.

The time prescribed in Rules 1017(e)(1) and 4004(a) for the chapter 7 trustee and the U.S. Trustee to object to the debtor's discharge or to move for dismissal of the case under section 707(b) is extended to 60 days after the conclusion of the meeting of creditors.

5. <u>16-10521</u>-B-7 ALAN ENGLE FW-4 CONTINUED MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF FEAR WADDELL, P.C. FOR GABRIEL J. WADDELL, TRUSTEES ATTORNEY(S) 10-5-16 [88]

PETER BUNTING/Atty. for dbt.
OPPOSITION HAS BEEN
WITHDRAWN

The motion will be granted without oral argument based upon well-pled facts. The fees will be approved on an interim basis and payable in the trustee's discretion. No appearance is necessary. The moving party shall submit a proposed order.

This matter was continued to consider the opposition filed by the debtor. That opposition now having been withdrawn, the motion will be granted.

The motion was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there is no other opposition. Accordingly, the respondents' defaults will be entered. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, made applicable by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7055, governs default matters and is applicable to contested matters under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(c). Upon default, factual allegations will be taken as true (except those relating to amount of damages). Televideo Systems, Inc. v. Heidenthal (826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir., 1987). Constitutional due process requires that a plaintiff make a prima facie showing that they are entitled to the relief sought, which the movant has done here.

6. <u>16-12821</u>-B-7 FRANCESCO SIMONE

JRL-2

FRANCESCO SIMONE/MV

MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY 11-9-16 [23]

MARIO LANGONE/Atty. for dbt.

This matter will be continued to January 25, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. The court will issue a civil minute order. No appearance is necessary.

On or before January 11, 2017, the debtor shall file and serve a copy of the subject abstract of judgment or other evidence to show that the judgment lien is related to a debt owed by the debtor and that the debtor possessed an interest in the subject property to which the judgment lien could have attached at the time the judgment lien was recorded. Farrey v. Sanderfoot, 111 S.Ct. 667 (1991).

The court notes that with the prior motion to avoid this lien, which was denied without prejudice for improper service, exhibits were filed including the subject abstract of judgment. However, although the moving papers refer to such exhibits, they were not filed with this motion.

7. 16-12226-B-7 MICHAEL GRIFFIN AND NANCY OBJECTION TO DEBTOR'S CLAIM OF JES-1 PAGE-GRIFFIN EXEMPTIONS

JAMES SALVEN/MV 10-6-16 [46]

JERRY LOWE/Atty. for dbt.

This matter will proceed as scheduled. Debtors' counsel shall appear at the hearing.

8. 16-10841-B-7 NOE AGUILAR AND LUCRECIA MOTION TO COMPEL JES-2 GUILLEN 10-11-16 [37] JAMES SALVEN/MV CHARLES STONER/Atty. for dbt.

The motion will be granted without oral argument based upon well-pled facts. The chapter 7 trustee shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondents' defaults will be entered. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, made applicable by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7055, governs default matters and is applicable to contested matters under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(c). Upon default, factual allegations will be taken as true (except those relating to amount of damages). Televideo Systems, Inc. v. Heidenthal (826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir., 1987). Constitutional due process requires that a plaintiff make a prima facie showing that they are entitled to the relief sought, which the trustee has done here. The record shows that the debtors' amended schedule of exemptions does not provide for the subject tax refund which appears to be property of the estate. The debtors will be ordered to turnover to the trustee within two weeks of this order any state or federal tax refunds received.

9. <u>16-13546</u>-B-7 JORGE MANZO PFT-1

OPPOSITION RE: TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SEC. 341(A) MEETING OF CREDITORS 10-25-16 [23]

No appearance is necessary at this hearing. The court will issue a civil minute order.

The debtor shall attend the meeting of creditors rescheduled for January 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. If the debtor fails to do so, the chapter 7 trustee may file a declaration with a proposed order and the case may be dismissed without a further hearing.

The time prescribed in Rules 1017(e)(1) and 4004(a) for the chapter 7 trustee and the U.S. Trustee to object to the debtor's discharge or to move for dismissal of the case under section 707(b) is extended to 60 days after the conclusion of the meeting of creditors.

10. <u>13-14555</u>-B-7 ANTHONY/ZELMA LOLLIS PLG-2 ANTHONY LOLLIS/MV

STEVEN ALPERT/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF OPERATING ENGINEERS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 11-16-16 [25]

The motion will be granted without oral argument based upon well-pled facts. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondents' defaults will be entered. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, made applicable by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7055, governs default matters and is applicable to contested matters under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(c). Upon default, factual allegations will be taken as true (except those relating to amount of damages). Televideo Systems, Inc. v. Heidenthal (826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir., 1987). Constitutional due process requires that a plaintiff make a prima facie showing that they are entitled to the relief sought, which the movant has done here.

It appears from the evidence submitted and the record that the debtors are entitled to avoid this lien that impairs an exemption to which they would otherwise have been entitled.

11. <u>16-12156</u>-B-7 FRANCISCO MORAN TMT-1

OPPOSITION RE: TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SEC. 341(A) MEETING OF CREDITORS 10-4-16 [41]

JOEL WINTER/Atty. for dbt.

Debtor's counsel shall notify his/her client that no appearance is necessary at this hearing. The court will issue a civil minute order.

The debtor shall attend the meeting of creditors rescheduled for December 19, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. If the debtor fails to do so, the chapter 7 trustee may file a declaration with a proposed order and the case may be dismissed without a further hearing.

The time prescribed in Rules 1017(e)(1) and 4004(a) for the chapter 7 trustee and the U.S. Trustee to object to the debtor's discharge or to move for dismissal of the case under section 707(b) is extended to 60 days after the conclusion of the meeting of creditors.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE TO PAY FEES 11-28-16 [24]

AMENDED MOTION TO WAIVE FILING FEE FILED 12/5/16

The OSC will be vacated. An order approving the debtor's request for a fee waiver was entered December 6, 2016 (Doc. #31). No appearance is necessary.

13. <u>15-12668</u>-B-7 JOHN/JULIE KENT RWR-4

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR RUSSELL W. REYNOLDS, TRUSTEES ATTORNEY(S)
11-9-16 [39]

PETER BUNTING/Atty. for dbt.

The motion will be granted without oral argument based upon well-pled facts. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondents' defaults will be entered. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, made applicable by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7055, governs default matters and is applicable to contested matters under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(c). Upon default, factual allegations will be taken as true (except those relating to amount of damages). Televideo Systems, Inc. v. Heidenthal (826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir., 1987). Constitutional due process requires that a plaintiff make a prima facie showing that they are entitled to the relief sought, which the movant has done here.

14. <u>16-12669</u>-B-7 TERESA GARCIA JES-3 JAMES SALVEN/MV MOTION TO EMPLOY JEFFERY S. BAIRD AS AUCTIONEER,
AUTHORIZING SALE OF PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF AUCTIONEER FEES AND EXPENSES
11-14-16 [26]

The motion will be granted without oral argument based upon well-pled facts. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondents' defaults will be entered. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, made applicable by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7055, governs default matters and is applicable to contested matters under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(c). Upon default, factual allegations will be taken as true (except those relating to amount of damages). Televideo Systems, Inc. v. Heidenthal (826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir., 1987). Constitutional due process requires that a plaintiff make a prima facie showing that they are entitled to the relief sought, which the movant has done here. The trustee is authorized to employ the auctioneer under the terms described in the motion, which include a 15% commission, up to \$300 for transportation and storage fees, and a 10% buyer's premium to be paid by the buyer.

15. <u>16-13270</u>-B-7 MARIA RACHEL MCNEAL VVF-1 HONDA LEASE TRUST/MV

ROSALINA NUNEZ/Atty. for dbt. VINCENT FROUNJIAN/Atty. for mv.

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY AND/OR MOTION FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION 11-16-16 [14]

This motion for relief from the automatic stay will be denied as moot. No appearance is necessary.

This motion relates to a lease of personal property. The case was filed on September 6, 2016, and the lease was not assumed by the chapter 7 trustee within the time prescribed in 11 U.S.C.  $\S365(d)(1)$ . Pursuant to  $\S365(p)(1)$ , the leased property is no longer property of the estate and the automatic stay under  $\S362(a)$  has already terminated by operation of law. Movant may submit an order denying the motion, and confirming that the automatic stay has already terminated on the grounds set forth above. No other relief is granted. Because the property has not been property of the estate since November 7, 2016, waiver of the automatic stay under FRBP 4001(a)(3) will be denied. No attorney fees will be awarded in relation to this motion.

16. 16-13970-B-7 EMMA SARWAR
APN-1
NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE
CORPORATION/MV
CATARINA BENITEZ/Atty. for dbt.
AUSTIN NAGEL/Atty. for mv.

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 11-14-16 [12]

The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. Movant shall submit a proposed order as specified below. No appearance is necessary.

This motion for relief from stay was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there was no opposition. The debtor's and the trustee's defaults will be entered. The automatic stay is terminated as it applies to the movant's right to enforce its remedies against the subject property under applicable nonbankruptcy law.

The record shows that cause exists to terminate the automatic stay.

The proposed order shall specifically describe the property or action to which the order relates. If the notice and motion requested a waiver of Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3), that relief will be granted.

If the prayer for relief includes a request for adequate protection, and/or a request for an award of attorney fees, those requests will be denied without prejudice. Adequate protection is unnecessary in light of the relief granted herein. A motion for attorney fees pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §506(b), or applicable nonbankruptcy law, must be separately noticed and separately briefed with appropriate legal authority and supporting documentation.

<u>Unless the court expressly orders otherwise, the proposed order shall not include any other relief.</u> If the proposed order includes extraneous or procedurally incorrect relief that is only available in an adversary proceeding then the order will rejected. See *In re Van Ness*, 399 B.R. 897 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 2009).

17. <u>16-12278</u>-B-7 PEDRO/BLANCA CHAVEZ
TMT-2
TRUDI MANFREDO/MV

CONTINUED MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PEDRO CHAVEZ AND BLANCA ANGELICA CHAVEZ 9-28-16 [32]

TRUDI MANFREDO/Atty. for mv.

This matter was continued to permit submission of evidence that the debtors have complied with their obligations under the compromise agreement. Such evidence having been submitted, the motion will be granted without oral argument based upon well-pled facts. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondents' defaults will be entered. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, made applicable by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7055, governs default matters and is applicable to contested matters under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(c). Upon default, factual allegations will be taken as true (except those relating to amount of damages). Televideo Systems, Inc. v. Heidenthal (826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir., 1987). Constitutional due process requires that a plaintiff make a prima facie showing that they are entitled to the relief sought, which the movant has done here. The trustee has established the factors in In re A & C Properties, 784 F.2d 1377, 1381 (9th Cir. 1986), and submitted supporting evidence consisting of the declaration that the debtors have complied with the terms of the settlement.

18. <u>16-12278</u>-B-7 PEDRO/BLANCA CHAVEZ CONTINUED MOTION TO SELL TMT-3 10-11-16 [40] TRUDI MANFREDO/MV TRUDI MANFREDO/Atty. for mv.

In light of the disposition above at calendar #17, TMT-2, this motion will be granted without oral argument based upon well-pled facts. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondents' defaults will be entered. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, made applicable by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7055, governs default matters and is applicable to contested matters under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(c). Upon default, factual allegations will be taken as true (except those relating to amount of damages). Televideo Systems, Inc. v. Heidenthal (826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir., 1987). Constitutional due process requires that a plaintiff make a prima facie showing that they are entitled to the relief sought, which the movant has done here. The proposed sale is a reasonable exercise of the trustee's business judgment.

19. <u>16-11787</u>-B-7 PAUL/CHRISTINA CORTINAS MOTION TO SELL JES-2 JAMES SALVEN/MV MARK ZIMMERMAN/Atty. for dbt.

The motion will be granted without oral argument based upon well-pled facts. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondents' defaults will be entered. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, made applicable by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7055, governs default matters and is applicable to contested matters under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(c). Upon default, factual allegations will be taken as true (except those relating to amount of damages). Televideo Systems, Inc. v. Heidenthal (826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir., 1987). Constitutional due process requires that a plaintiff make a prima facie showing that they are entitled to the relief sought, which the movant has done here. The proposed sale appears to be a reasonable exercise of the trustee's business judgment and will be granted on the terms disclosed in the moving papers.

20. <u>16-10293</u>-B-7 EDWIN YEE JES-1 JAMES SALVEN/MV

MOTION TO COMPEL 10-26-16 [26]

This matter will proceed as scheduled.

1. 16-13516-B-7 FELIPE NINO

PRO SE REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT WITH WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. 11-22-16 [15]

This matter will proceed as scheduled.

2. 16-13760-B-7 CONCEPCION RAMIREZ

PRO SE REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT WITH FRESNO COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 11-17-16 [14]

This matter will proceed as scheduled.

3. 16-13276-B-7 ERIC TREVINO

PRO SE REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN HONDA FINANCE CORP. 11-23-16 [21]

This matter will proceed as scheduled.

## 1:30 P.M.

15-12702-B-7 MARTIN STEBBEN 1. 16-1044 RH-2 FEAR V. CIT I/CITIBANK SOUTH DAKOTA, N.A. ROBERT HAWKINS/Atty. for m v.

MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITIBANK 11-15-16 [43]

The motion will be denied without prejudice. The court will enter a civil minute order. No appearance is necessary.

The respondent was not served with this motion nor is the attached settlement agreement executed by the respondent.

It appears that, while the moving papers pertain to Adversary Proceeding 16-01044, Fear v. Citi/Citibank South Dakota, N.A., the party served, "American Express Centurion Bank (SP NTC), is the respondent in a different Adversary Proceeding, namely, Fear v. American Express, 16-01046.

2. 16-11855-B-7 HARJOT SINGH AND INDERJIT STATUS CONFERENCE RE: COMPLAINT 16-1096 SANDHU RATTAN V. SINGH ET AL EDWARD WRIGHT/Atty. for pl. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

9-29-16 [1]

This matter will proceed as scheduled.

15-11288-B-7 FRESNO ACADEMY FOR CIVIC STATUS CONFERENCE RE: COMPLAINT 3. 16-1099 & ENTREPRENEURIAL MANFREDO V. CHARTER ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND, LP. GABRIEL WADDELL/Atty. for pl. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

10-11-16 [1]

This matter will proceed as scheduled.