



University of Tennessee, Knoxville
**Trace: Tennessee Research and Creative
Exchange**

Tennessee Department of State, Opinions from the
Administrative Procedures Division

Law

October 2014

Brittany Thompson vs. Safety

Follow this and additional works at: http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_lawopinions

This Initial Order by the Administrative Judges of the Administrative Procedures Division, Tennessee Department of State, is a public document made available by the College of Law Library, and the Tennessee Department of State, Administrative Procedures Division. For more information about this public document, please contact administrative.procedures@tn.gov

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY)
)
v.)
)
ONE 1994 CHEVY CRV)
VIN #: 1G1JC1443R7131189)
SEIZED FROM: BRITTANY THOMPSON)
DATE OF SEIZURE: 4/14/13)
CLAIMANT: BRITTANY THOMPSON)
LIENHOLDER: TITLEMAX)

DOCKET NO. 19.05-127723J

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ORDER

This administrative proceeding was heard on August 13, 2014, by Anthony Adgent, Administrative Judge, assigned by the Secretary of State, Administrative Procedures Division, and sitting for the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety in Fall Branch, Tennessee. The State was represented by Nina Harris. The Claimant was not present.

The hearing was set in order for the Claimant to show cause as to why her interest in the above-styled property should not be forfeited due to her failure to take custody of the property pursuant to the parties ORDER OF COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT.

At the beginning of the hearing, counsel for the State made an oral motion pursuant to T.C.A. §4-5-309 for an order finding the Claimant to be in default. In support of its motion, the State introduced evidence that notice was mailed to the Claimant by certified mail twice. The first letter was returned, and the second notice was left, but there was no authorized recipient available. Based on this evidence, the motion of the State was **GRANTED**, the Claimant was found in **DEFAULT**.

NOTICE OF DEFAULT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THE CLAIMANT THAT HE HAS BEEN HELD IN DEFAULT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A HEARING ON THE MERITS AFTER RECEIVING ADEQUATE NOTICE. T.C.A. §4-5-309. CLAIMANT HAS 15 DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER TO REQUEST THAT THIS FINDING OF DEFAULT BE SET ASIDE. THIS REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES DIVISION, 312 8TH AVENUE NORTH, 8TH FLOOR, WILLIAM R. SNODGRASS TOWER, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243. THE REQUEST TO HAVE THE FINDING OF DEFAULT SET ASIDE SHOULD INCLUDE THE REASONS TO JUSTIFY THE CLAIMANT'S FAILURE TO ATTEND. IF CLAIMANT DOES NOT REQUEST THE DEFAULT BE SET ASIDE OR OTHERWISE APPEAL THE ACCOMPANYING INITIAL ORDER, THEN THE INITIAL ORDER WILL BECOME A FINAL ORDER SUBJECT TO COURT REVIEW. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE OF DEFAULT OR THE STEPS NECESSARY TO HAVE IT SET ASIDE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE SIGNING THIS ORDER BY LETTER OR BY TELEPHONING (615) 741-7008.

ORDER

The Motion for Default having been granted, the State moved to dismiss the claim in accordance with Rule 1340-2-2.17(2)(b) of the Department of Safety which provides that “[u]pon a default by a Claimant, a Claimant’s claim shall be stricken by initial default order or, if the agency requests, the agency may proceed uncontested.”

The agency did not request to proceed uncontested, and it is DETERMINED that the State's Motion to Dismiss should be granted.

It is **ORDERED** that the claim of Brittany Thompson is **DISMISSED** and the subject property forfeited subject to Lien.

This Initial Order entered and effective this _____ day of
_____ 2014.

Anthony Adgent
Administrative Judge

Filed in the Administrative Procedures Division, Office of the Secretary of State,
this _____ day of _____ 2014.

Richard Collier, Director
Administrative Procedures Division