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RE: In the Matter of: Corri Fuller (Q7137) Docket No. 19.01-132583J

Enclosed is an Initial Order rendered in connection with the above-styled case.

Administrative Procedures Division Tennessee Department of State

/aem Enclosure

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

IN THE MATTER OF:

CORRI FULLER

DOCKET NO. 19.01-132583J

NOTICE

ATTACHED IS AN INITIAL ORDER RENDERED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES DIVISION.

THE INITIAL ORDER IS NOT A FINAL ORDER BUT SHALL BECOME A FINAL ORDER UNLESS:

1. THE ENROLLEE FILES A WRITTEN APPEAL, OR EITHER PARTY FILES A PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES DIVISION NO LATER THAN September 2, 2015.

YOU MUST FILE THE APPEAL, PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES DIVISION. THE ADDRESS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES DIVISION IS:

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IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES DIVISION, 615/741-7008 OR 741-5042, FAX 615/741-4472. PLEASE CONSULT APPENDIX A AFFIXED TO THE INITIAL ORDER FOR NOTICE OF APPEAL PROCEDURES.

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

IN THE MATTER OF:

Department of Safety & Homeland Security

V.

One 2014 Toyota Scion V.I.N. # JTKJF5C75E3074649 Seized from: Amber Yarbrough Date of Seizure: March 11, 2015

Claimant: Corri Fuller

Lienholder: Toyota Motor Credit

DOCKET NO: 19.01-132583J

DOS #: Q7137

INITIAL ORDER OF DEFAULT AND DISMISSAL

This matter was heard on August 12, 2015, before Leonard Pogue, Administrative Judge, sitting for the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security in Jackson, Tennessee. Mr. Joe Bartlett, Staff Attorney for the Department of Safety & Homeland Security, represented the State. Claimant was not present nor was an attorney present on his behalf.

The subject of this hearing was the proposed forfeiture of the subject property. The matter was heard upon the State's Motion to be granted an Initial Default Order due to the Claimant's failure to appear at the hearing after receiving proper notice thereof. After consideration of the record, it is determined that the State's Motion is proper and should be **GRANTED**. It is further **ORDERED** that the subject property should be **FORFEITED** to the seizing agency subject to the interests of the lienholder. This decision is based upon the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The subject of this hearing was the seizure of a 2014 Toyota Scion from Amber Yarbrough by the Lexington, Tennessee Police Department on March 11, 2015.
- 2. Corri Fuller claimed an interest in the vehicle but did not appear at the hearing. The State provided proof that service of the notice of hearing was made at Claimant's address of record on July 6, 2015.
 - 3. The State's witnesses were present and the State was prepared to proceed with the hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Department of Safety Rule 1340-2-2-.17(1) provides in part:
 - (d) No default shall be entered against a claimant for failure to attend except upon proof by the filing of the return receipt card, that the legal division has given notice of the hearing...
 - (e) Upon default by a party, an administrative judge may enter either an Initial Default Order or an Order for an uncontested proceeding...
- 2. It appearing that the State made all reasonable attempts to provide notice of the hearing to the Claimant and he failed to appear, it is determined that the State has complied with the requirements of the above referenced Rule.
- 3. Accordingly, it is determined that the State's motion should be **GRANTED** and the Claimant be held in **DEFAULT**. It is further **ORDERED** that the subject vehicle be **FORFEITED** to the seizing agency subject to the interests of the lienholder.

This Initial Order entered this \(\frac{180}{2015} \) day of August, 2015.

Leonard Pogue

Administrative Judge

Filed in the Administrative Procedures Division, Office of the Secretary of State, this day of August, 2015.

J. Richard Collier, Director Administrative Procedures Division

APPENDIX A TO INITIAL ORDER NOTICE OF APPEAL PROCEDURES

Review of Initial Order

This Initial Order shall become a Final Order (reviewable as set forth below) fifteen (15) days after the entry date of this Initial Order, unless either or both of the following actions are taken:

- (1) A party files a petition for appeal to the agency, stating the basis of the appeal, or the agency on its own motion gives written notice of its intention to review the Initial Order, within fifteen (15) days after the entry date of the Initial Order. If either of these actions occurs, there is no Final Order until review by the agency and entry of a new Final Order or adoption and entry of the Initial Order, in whole or in part, as the Final Order. A petition for appeal to the agency must be filed within the proper time period with the Administrative Procedures Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, 8th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243. (Telephone No. (615) 741-7008). See Tennessee Code Annotated, Section (T.C.A. §) 4-5-315, on review of initial orders by the agency.
- (2) A party files a petition for reconsideration of this Initial Order, stating the specific reasons why the Initial Order was in error within fifteen (15) days after the entry date of the Initial Order. This petition must be filed with the Administrative Procedures Division at the above address. A petition for reconsideration is deemed denied if no action is taken within twenty (20) days of filing. A new fifteen (15) day period for the filing of an appeal to the agency (as set forth in paragraph (1) above) starts to run from the entry date of an order disposing of a petition for reconsideration, or from the twentieth day after filing of the petition, if no order is issued. See T.C.A. §4-5-317 on petitions for reconsideration.

A party may petition the agency for a stay of the Initial Order within seven (7) days after the entry date of the order. See T.C.A. §4-5-316.

Review of Final Order

Within fifteen (15) days after the Initial Order becomes a Final Order, a party may file a petition for reconsideration of the Final Order, in which petitioner shall state the specific reasons why the Initial Order was in error. If no action is taken within twenty (20) days of filing of the petition, it is deemed denied. See T.C.A. §4-5-317 on petitions for reconsideration.

A party may petition the agency for a stay of the Final Order within seven (7) days after the entry date of the order. See T.C.A. §4-5-316.

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE FURTHER NOTICE OF THE INITIAL ORDER BECOMING A FINAL ORDER

A person who is aggrieved by a final decision in a contested case may seek judicial review of the Final Order by filing a petition for review in a Chancery Court having jurisdiction (generally, Davidson County Chancery Court) within sixty (60) days after the entry date of a Final Order or, if a petition for reconsideration is granted, within sixty (60) days of the entry date of the Final Order disposing of the petition. (However, the filing of a petition for reconsideration does not itself act to extend the sixty day period, if the petition is not granted.) A reviewing court also may order a stay of the Final Order upon appropriate terms. See T.C.A. §4-5-322 and §4-5-317.