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The Honorable John Dover Magistrate's Court

1675 York Hwy # 1D, York, SC 29745

RE: Case Number 2024CV4610100455 – Explanation for Late Rent Payment

Dear Judge [Judge's Last Name],

I am writing to explain the circumstances surrounding the late rent payment for February in the above-referenced case. My rent was paid on February 9th, which I understand is past the due date. I sincerely apologize for this delay and want to assure the court that I am committed to fulfilling my rental obligations.

The reason for the delay stems from a recent change in my Social Security Administration (SSA) payment schedule. Previously, I was able to rely on my savings to cover rent while waiting for my SSA check. However, those savings have unfortunately been depleted. I now rely solely on my SSA check, which is deposited on the second Wednesday of each month. While my bank card processes payments on the first Friday of the month, the funds are not available until my SSA check is deposited.

This change in circumstances made it impossible for me to pay rent on the first of the month as I had done previously. As soon as my SSA funds were available on February 7th, I attempted to pay rent. Unfortunately, I was unable to locate my debit card at that time, and my tap-to-pay function on my phone was also malfunctioning. I was finally able to use my tap-to-pay at a grocery store on Sunday, February 9th, where I purchased money orders for the rent amount. I placed these money orders in the rental office drop box and took photos of them as confirmation. I also sent an email to the rental office with this information.

On Monday, February 10th, I did not receive any communication from the rental office or the court, leading me to believe that the payment had been received and everything was in order. Later that day, I discovered that none of my emails had been sent due to a technical issue. I still did not hear from the court or the rental office, so I assumed everything was proceeding smoothly.

It was only yesterday, [Date you received the Writ], that I received the Writ of Ejectment, informing me of the non-payment of rent. Adding to the confusion, the rental office had placed a notice on my door regarding a \$350 fee for my dog, even though I have had the dog for nearly a year with no prior mention of this fee. This notice made no mention of the rent payment.

I have attempted to contact the rental agent to clarify the situation, but I was informed that they are on vacation and will not return until Thursday, February 20th, the very day the Writ of

Ejectment is scheduled to be executed. This makes it extremely difficult to resolve this matter before the eviction.

I understand the importance of paying rent on time and I am actively working to ensure this does not happen again. I am exploring options to better manage my finances and align my payment schedule with my SSA deposit date. I am also willing to discuss any potential solutions the court may suggest.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kendra Boekhoudt and Marcus Adams