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ALLISON COAXUM,)
Plaintiff,)
versus)
SMC WESCOTT LLC,)
Defendant.)

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE MAITE MURPHY

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EXAMINATIONS

(None)

EXHIBITS

(None Marked)

1 THE CLERK: Case number 2024-CP-18-01500, Allison
2 Coaxum versus SMC Westcott LLC, notice of appeal.

3 THE COURT: Good morning. Whose appeal is this? Ms.
4 Coaxum --

5 MR. TROPEA: Morning, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: -- are you out there? Good morning.

7 MR. TROPEA: Sean Tropea, on behalf of Latitude at
8 Westcott.

9 THE COURT: Ms. Coaxum, are you out there?

10 MS. COAXUM: Yes, ma'am.

11 THE COURT: All right. Good morning, Ms. Coaxum. I
12 understand that this is your appeal, is that correct?

13 MS. COAXUM: Yes, ma'am.

14 THE COURT: All right. You may proceed. Do you
15 understand that what would be before the Court would be an
16 error of law that the lower -- lower court made? This is not
17 a retrial of the original case. Just to point out that the
18 lower court made an error of law. You may proceed.

19 MS. COAXUM: I feel that when I went through the court
20 process and everything else, I was also speaking with the
21 management at the -- at Covey Homes Westcott, and I was
22 asking them -- you know, that if I could have payment
23 arrangements, or pay what I owed down, and they never gave me
24 a "Yes," or a "No," but they continued with -- you know, the
25 court hearings and everything else. But I did speak to

1 Ms. Brianna and asked her about being able to pay down what I
2 owe. There is also other stuff on the ledger that is, I pay
3 one certain amount of rent that the court ordered, and then
4 there -- I -- there's also another 2170, I believe it is, a
5 month that is added also to my ledger. So it keeps a
6 reoccurring over and over, although that I have paid
7 everything that the court has said, and said that I needed to
8 pay each month up until now. So it is paid for what the
9 court ordered me to pay.

10 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, ma'am. Counsel,
11 your response, sir?

12 MR. TROPEA: Good morning, your Honor. And thanks for
13 fitting us in today. I really -- as you summarized right at
14 the start of this, this would require an error in law or
15 fact. I believe when you just asked the Appellant if she
16 could articulate one. I didn't hear one, I heard what
17 sounded like, "Well, I tried to work something out with the
18 community to resolve any outstanding balance." But as you
19 know, your Honor, they have no obligation to do that. And
20 their interest is in continuing to seek the writ of
21 ejectment, as was awarded by the magistrate.

22 I do have a bit of an argument prepared here, if you
23 would like for us to get into the weeds of that. But in the
24 interest of efficiency, if nothing here on the record or that
25 was argued today, not that I've heard, would be an error in

1 law or fact, then I would think that supports of the court
2 affirming the magistrate's ruling.

3 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. Ms. Coaxum, I'm going to
4 take a look at the -- the record that came up with the
5 Magistrate appeal, and then I will issue a ruling, and I'll
6 try to do that by the end of today. Thank you, ma'am.

7 MR. TROPEA: Thank you for your time and discretion,
8 your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

10 MR. TROPEA: And thank you, Maise, by the way, for the
11 help with the Rivera matter the other day. I know that was a
12 last-minute scramble. I appreciate you.

13 THE CLERK: You're very welcome.

14 MR. TROPEA: All right. You all take care.

15 THE CLERK: You too.

16 MS. COAXUM: Thank you, Judge, for allowing me to be
17 able to do this. I really appreciate it. Thank you very
18 much.

19 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. Have a good day.

20 MS. COAXUM: Same to you.

21 (THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THIS HEARING CONCLUDED.)

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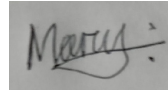
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