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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF HORRY) 2016-CP-26-204

Gregory Faubel, et al.,)

Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

Tom K. Pate,)

Defendant.)

Transcript of Record

April 12, 2017

B E F O R E:

Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson
Horry County Courthouse
Conway, South Carolina

A P P E A R A N C E S:

Gregory Faubel, Plaintiff
Appearing Pro Se

Tom K. Pate, Defendant
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1 (On the record, April 12, 2017.)

2 THE COURT: All right. Next is 2016-CP-26-204. All
3 right. This is 2016-CP-26-204, the case of Gregory -- is it
4 Faubel?

5 MR. FAUBEL: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Faubel -- versus Thomas K. Pate. The matter
7 is before the Court on an appeal from Conway -- from the
8 magistrate. All right. Please give the court reporter your
9 names and who you represent.

10 MR. FAUBEL: Greg Faubel. I represent myself.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 MR. PATE: Tom Pate, myself.

13 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Faubel, this is your
14 appeal?

15 MR. FAUBEL: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: All right. Let me hear from you.

17 MR. FAUBEL: I thoroughly apologize for the way I'm
18 dressed because I've had surgeries and the swelling it's the
19 only thing I could wear. Appeal is a breach of contract for
20 land that was excluded from the land when we bought it. It
21 was surveyed off the contract after the contract was signed.
22 It was part of Tract Four that was attached to my land and he,
23 he cut it out, surveyed it out, put trailers on it, rented
24 them out. There's a trailer previously on it right now being
25 rented out for 550 a month. I said, "Well, if you're going to

1 take my land then, you know, and was going to charge them \$550
2 a month I'm not going to pay you mortgage on top of what
3 you've used on my property." Then the other part of the
4 breach of contract is he didn't evict his tenants. He left
5 them in there and they damaged the house. When he was
6 contacted at the time that the house was damaged to come out
7 and look at it he refused to come and look and said, "Well,
8 sue them." "I can't sue the tenants. I didn't rent to them."
9 You -- it was your job. You said you were going to evict the
10 tenants when we give you a deposit. You've never evicted your
11 tenants. I had to do it. With that being said, I can resolve
12 this whole issue today if Mr. Pate'll work with us, no more
13 appeals, no more nothing. What I'm asking for is a jury
14 trial. If he wants -- and a -- there's never been
15 litigation. If Mr. Pate'll work with us, give me 90 days,
16 there won't be no more court appeals or nothing, I'll be off
17 his property.

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MR. FAUBEL: I have a trailer being set up in Marion
20 right now. I'll be off his property within 90 days.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 MR. FAUBEL: You know, there won't be no more court
23 appeals, no more nothing. He can have it.

24 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Pate.

25 MR. PATE: Yes, sir. We entered a land sales contract in

1 May of 2011 and they paid up until January of the following
2 year, which would be 2012, and that's been -- this May'll be
3 five years they haven't paid a penny on that property. I
4 haven't gotten any money out of it. The lease says they
5 supposed to pay insurance. They haven't put any insurance on
6 it. They were supposed to pay the taxes on it. They haven't
7 paid the taxes on it. I've been to magistrate court three
8 times. This is either my third or fourth time in this court
9 trying to get them out of this house. On my land sales
10 contract that's where it was here a couple of times and they
11 sent it back to the lower court to get the, the magistrate to
12 decide on what kind of contract it was, and specifically in my
13 contract 9(F) says if they don't pay their rent I can use it
14 as a landlord tenant contract and I can go to magistrate court
15 and have an eviction just like you do in a regular -- when you
16 have to evict somebody.

17 I've got about 30 or 40 properties that I lease out, and
18 this is the first time it's took me five years to get somebody
19 out of my house, five years. I've paid the insurance on that
20 house. I've paid the taxes on that house. I've not received
21 a penny from these people since January of 2012, and this is
22 getting a little bit crazy.

23 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Anything in
24 reply?

25 MR. PATE: Let me say one more thing if you don't mind.

1 The reason we're here today, like I said earlier, Judge Mayers
2 rendered it a sales contract, but he also said that it could
3 be used as a -- since they broke the lease or contract, let's
4 say the sales contract, I could go back to a landlord tenant.
5 So Judge Mayers ruled on it. These guys here appealed it. We
6 back -- went back to this court two or three times. They sent
7 it back to Judge Mayers again. So he ruled on it. It could
8 be a landlord tenant. So now we're back here again for the
9 third or fourth time. Thank you.

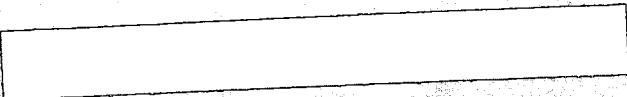
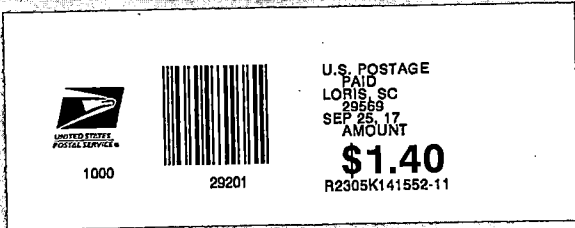
10 THE COURT: All right. Anything in reply?

11 MR. FAUBEL: Your Honor, Your Honor, Judge Mayers said it
12 could be either way. He couldn't make a -- they couldn't get
13 him to make a ruling on it. They couldn't get him to make a
14 ruling on it, and the whole thing is, you know, it's a breach
15 of contract. When he was notified of the breach of contract
16 he made money on the land he cut out of our, our contract,
17 which he was excluded from ours after the contract was signed.
18 So he breached the contract, and he breached the contract by
19 leaving his tenants in there and not evicting them out and
20 which I think you have in your records it was over \$100,000
21 worth of damage done to the house where they took -- cut the
22 floors out of it. I've had to do all that repair work in
23 there.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. FAUBEL: And I'm just saying another 90 days I can be

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