STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

FRANK M. BAFFORD, SR., 19

HUD Case No. 04-04-0848-8

Petitioner, MING WARVE

FCHR Case No. 24-91007H

v.

DOAH Case No. 04-3272 FLB Closect FCHR Order No. 05-017

GARY HEDIGER, MARCUS AND MILLICHAP COMPANY AND TOWNSHIP APARTMENTS ASSOCIATES, ET AL.,

AT

Respondents.

FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM A DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE

This matter is before the Commission for consideration of the Recommended Order of Dismissal, dated December 16, 2004, issued in the above-styled matter by Administrative Law Judge Fred L. Buckine.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Judge Buckine's order reflects that at a telephonic hearing Petitioner insisted that his Petition for Relief be dismissed and that Petitioner "of his own free will knowingly and willingly declined to pursue his claim of housing discrimination against Respondents by a written motion that his Amended Housing Discrimination Complaint be dismissed." Consequently, Judge Buckine recommended the Commission issue a final order dismissing the Petition for Relief.

The Commission's rules reflect that a Petition for Relief from a Discriminatory Housing Practice "may be dismissed by complainant without order of the Administrative Law Judge, Panel of Commissioners or Commission (i) by serving, or during hearing by stating on the record, a notice of dismissal at any time before the issuance of the recommended order...The dismissal operates with prejudice with respect to Petitioner's chapter 760, FS, administrative remedies and constitutes final agency action." Fla. Admin. Code R. 60Y-8.001(5).

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's findings and conclusions that Petitioner's Petition for Relief be dismissed.

Exceptions

Neither party filed exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order of Dismissal.

Dismissal

The Petition for Relief and Amended Housing Discrimination Complaint are DISMISSED with prejudice.

The parties have the right to seek judicial review of this Order. The Commission and the appropriate District Court of Appeal must receive notice of appeal within 30 days of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission. Explanation of the right of appeal is found in Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

DONE AND ORDERED this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2005. FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Donna Elam, Panel Chairperson; Commissioner Roosevelt Paige; and Commissioner Dominique B. Saliba, M.D.

Filed this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2005,

in Tallahassee, Florida.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed to the above listed addressees this ____22nd__ day of ____ February____, 2005.

Clerk of the Commission

Florida Commission on Human Relations