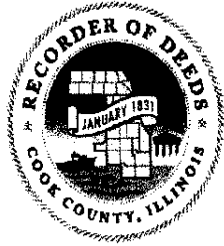


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COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT

CCRD Complaint Number:

RD - 14 - 0002

Document Type(s):

MARITIME LIEN

Document Number(s):

1321950177

Property PIN:

***The above identified document(s)
have been found to be fraudulent
and shall not be considered to
affect the chain of title of the
property in any way. A copy of
the judgment follows.***



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IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

(312) 603-2120

<http://cookcountyildoah.org/>

COUNTY OF COOK, Petitioner
An Illinois County

v.

JOHN MORO
400 W. ONTARIO STREET
UNIT 1801
CHICAGO, IL 60654

Violation Address:

118 CLARK ST, ROOM 230

Citation #: DE140002

Issuing Dept: Recorder of Deeds

Respondent(s),)

FINDINGS, DECISIONS & ORDER

This matter coming for Hearing, notice having been given and the Administrative Body being fully advised in the premises, having considered any motions, evidence and arguments presented, IT IS ORDERED: As to the count(s), this Administrative Body finds by a preponderance of the evidence and rules as follows:

<i>Finding(s)</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Count #(s)</i>	<i>Alloc Code</i>	<i>Fines, costs & other penalties</i>
Liable/Default	Failure to Appear at Scheduled Hearing	1	5720	\$5,000.00
55 ILCS 5/3-5010.5	As specified in the complaint.			
Nonsuited	County's Motion	2	5720	\$0.00
58-45	As specified in the complaint.			
OFF CALL				

FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 7, 2013, the Respondent, John Moro recorded a Preferred Maritime Lien against U.S M/V Geoffrey A. Kent with the Cook County Recorder's Office under Document Number 1321950177. The subject maritime lien lists "c/o Anthony Fox United States Secretary of Transportation, US Department of Transportation, Maritime Administrative West Building, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20590. The subject lien claims a debt obligation of \$648,000.00 in "US Silver Dollar Coin" against the subject vessel, "US M/V Geoffrey A. Kent". The claimant is "Sui Juris, General Administrative: John Moro, c/o 400 W. Ontario #180, Chicago, IL Non-Domestic Foreign Mail (60654) without US".

On February 24, 2014, the Cook County Recorder's Office issued a Notice of Suspected Fraudulent Act and notified Geoffrey Kent c/o M. Scott Leonard at 161 N. Clark Street, Suite 4700, Chicago, IL 60601

On March 13, 2014, Geoffrey A. Kent completed a Request to Proceed.

On April 18, 2014, the Notice of Referral was issued and served to John Moro at 400 W. Ontario Unit 1801, Chicago, IL 60654.

On May 20, 2014, the court found A proper notice has been made on the Respondent. The matter was continued to June 7, 2014 at 1:30 pm for a prove-up. As such, the Motion is now before the undersigned for decision.

DISCUSSIONS

The Petitioner by and through the Cook County State's Attorney's Office argues that the scope of 55 ILCS 5/3-5010.5 covers 55 ILCS 5/3-5010.5 (c) and (d). We agree.

Subparagraph © authorizes "the recorder who establishes a fraud referral and review process under the provisions of this section may use it to review deeds and instruments——"Subparagraph (d) has a similar language in that "——a deed or instrument that's recorded in grantor's index or grantees index that may be fraudulent, which case, the recorder shall refer the deed or instrument to an administrative law judge for review."

When the maritime lien was filed and recorded against U.S M/V Geoffrey A. Kent as was allegedly here on August 7, 2013 with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office, 55ILCS 5/3-5010.5 © and (d) allows the recorder to review any and all instruments as it clearly states in both subparagraphs. Furthermore, under 55 ILCS 5/3-5010.5 © (5), the filing of maritime lien in and of itself is one of the factors that recorder can consider in determining whether to refer a suspected fraudulent document for review whether or not it is filed against a property or against a person. In general, a maritime lien is a lien created by admiralty or other federal law in a vessel or other maritime property. And clearly, there is no vessel nor other maritime property involved here.

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For the reason stated above, the Petitioner's Motion for Default is GRANTED and that by clear and convincing evidence the County has proven the document in question to be fraudulent and further ORDERS as follows.

1. The Respondent shall be fined \$5,000.00 dollars plus court cost.
2. The Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office within 5 business from the entry of the order, record a new document that includes a copy of the judgment in front of the Notice of Referral that shall clearly state that the document in question has been found to be fraudulent and not considered to affect the chain of title in any way.
3. This Order shall not preclude a Cook County State's Attorney Office or sheriff from proceeding with a criminal investigation or criminal charges, if any.

Admin Costs:	5721	\$300.00
	JUDGMENT TOTAL:	\$5,300.00

Upon a finding of liable the Respondent(s) shall remit full payment of the above fine and administrative costs to the Petitioner, or file an appeal with the Cook County Circuit Court within 35 days of the date this notice was served or mailed.

Pursuant to ordinance, if this order refers to a Forest Preserve (FP) citation, THE FINE WILL DOUBLE if it is not paid within 35 days of the issuance of this order.

Pursuant to ordinance, if this order refers to a Sheriff's Police (SP) citation for compliance or vehicle standing or parking, THE FINE WILL DOUBLE if it is not paid within 21 days of the issuance of this order.

If there is a need of assistance with making a payment please call 312-603-6870.

ONLY Check and Money Order (payable to Cook County Department of Revenue) are accepted for mail-in payments. Payments by mail can be made for all types of administrative citations and judgments, with the EXCEPTION of Revenue Collection/Use Tax (RC). Include a copy of this order and mail to:

Cook County Department of Revenue
PO BOX 641547
Chicago, IL. 60664-1547

Check, Credit Card, or Money Order (payable to Cook County Department of Revenue) and Cash are accepted for in-person payments. Respondents can pay in-person for all types of administrative citations and judgments, with the EXCEPTION of Revenue Collection/Use Tax (RC). Bring a copy of this order with the payment to:

Cook County Department of Revenue
118 N. Clark St. Rm. 1160
Chicago, IL. 60602-1304

ONLY Cook County Revenue-Cigarette (RV) citations can be paid online by visiting cookcountyil.gov/revenue.

ENTERED: _____ 10 _____ Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 1:30 PM
James Hyun ALJ# _____ Date Entered

PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, a final order of a County Administrative Law Judge may be appealed by filing a complaint for administrative review in the Circuit Court of Cook County within 35 calendar days with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street Chicago, IL 60602 - 312-603-5116 or 312-603-5122. YOU MUST FILE YOUR COMPLAINT within thirty-five (35) calendar days of the date on which you were served with this order. If this order was served on you by mail, the 35 day period commences on the date on which this order was deposited in the United States mail.

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Wednesday, July 30, 2014

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