MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CODE ENFORCEMENT MAGISTRATE CASE NO. 15-0090554

MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA,
Petitioner,

VS.

KNOWLES, DANIEL M ESTATE

Respondents.

PCN 34-38-42-050-009-0011.1-70000

## FINE REDUCTION STIPULATION AND AGREED RECOMMENDED ORDER

The Petitioner and Current Owners hereby freely stipulate and agree to the following:

THIS MATTER having come before the Magistrate on December 19, 2018, and having heard the testimony and other evidence of the parties, and having been fully apprised of the circumstances, and based upon a preponderance of the evidence, does find as follows:

1. This Fine Reduction Stipulation and Agreed Recommended Order involves a parcel located at 8096 SE Wren Avenue, Hobe Sound, Martin County, Florida and further described as:

The South one- half of Lot 11, Block I, PLAT NO. 2, RIDGEWAY MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 83, public records of Martin County, Florida.

- 2. On July 15, 2015, the Code Enforcement Magistrate entered an Order Finding Violation against Daniel M Knowles Estate for violation of, Section 67.201.A Nuisance Declared: Weeds, Undergrowth, Section 67.201.B Nuisance Declared: Trash, Etc., Section 4.769- Site Addressing, and Section 91.34.A- Generally Inoperable Vehicles all under General Ordinances, Martin County. An Affidavit of Compliance with fines was recorded in Official Records book 3021 page 2994 with a total amount of \$172,775.00 in fines.
- 3. The Property is currently going thru Probate. Pursuant to a Petition for Summary Administration that has been filed in the Martin County, Florida Public Records, the Respondent Daniel M Knowles has been deceased since October 9, 2013, and his son who was also living on the property, Jerome Knowles, is also deceased having passed away on August 13, 2014. The remaining heirs to the estate and current owners by operation of law are Jean Marie Knowles-Mazur, Denis Knowles Carter, Vicki Anne Knowles, Jason Daniel Knowles, Jerome Knowles and Larry Daniel Knowles.
- 4. Staff has determined that a lien reduction is warranted. The current heirs were not responsible for the violation, but have offered to pay \$5,575.00 to resolve the outstanding fine which has accrued. The current owners are also the ones that brought the property into compliance. The current value of the property is listed at \$53,520.00 per the Martin County Property Appraiser's website. The current heirs also paid \$4,779.50 in back taxes.

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5. The parties represent, under penalty of perjury that that they have read this Stipulation; that they have full authority to enter into this Stipulation; that the facts contained herein are the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; and that they are signing this agreement freely and voluntarily and are under no duress to execute it.

CURRENT OWNERS:
Jean Marie Knowles- Mazur
Denise Knowles Carter
Vickie Anne Knowles
Jason Daniel Knowles
Jerome Knowles
Larry Daniel Knowles

Richard B Carey

**Probate Attorney for the Estate** 

Of Daniel M Knowles

PETITIONER: MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Rachel Spradley

**Nuisance Abatement Coordinator** 

Date: 12-14-2018

Date: 1-8-19

## AGREED RECOMMENDED ORDER

PURSUANT TO THE STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES SET FORTH ABOVE, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, as follows:

Given that The Estate of Daniel M Knowles has offered payment in the total amount of \$5,575.00 and Staff's determination that a reduction in the lien amount from \$172,775.00 is warranted, The Estate of Daniel M Knowles should be ordered to pay the amount of \$5,575.00 within thirty (30) days of Board of County Commissioners' approval. In the event said amount is not paid within thirty (30) days, the fine should revert to the accrued amount prior to the reduction.

DONE AND ORDERED this 19 day of December, 2018

Paul Nicoletti

Code Enforcement Magistrate