

BEFORE THE MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM \*  
 OF DEBORAH L. DUKES, \*  
 CLAIMANT, AGAINST THE \*  
 MARYLAND REAL ESTATE \*  
 COMMISSION GUARANTY FUND \* Case No. 2017-RE-203 G.F.  
 RESP: SUSAN MEGARGEE \*  
 LICENSE NO: 28339 \*  
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PROPOSED ORDER

Upon a review of the available evidence, the Commission concludes that the Claimant has established a valid claim against the Maryland Real Estate Commission Guaranty Fund. It has been established that the above named Respondent was acting as a Real Estate Broker and was issued a \$5,000.00 check as a deposit for the purchase of real property. The contract was terminated and a release form signed by all parties agreeing to disburse the funds to the buyer. The Respondent has failed to promptly account for or to remit money that belonged to someone else. The Claimant is entitled to reimbursement under The Annotated Code of Maryland, Business Occupations and Professions Article, Title 17, Section 505. It has further been established that, as a result of the actions by the Respondent, the Claimant has sustained an actual loss of the deposit in the amount of \$5,000.00. Accordingly, the Commission hereby awards the Claimant Five Thousand Dollars and zero cents (\$5000.00), from the Maryland Real Estate Commission Guaranty Fund, and Orders that:

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1. Pursuant to Business Occupations and Professions Article 17, Section 412(a) any real estate licenses held by the Respondent are suspended and the Respondent is ineligible for any real estate license until the Respondent has repaid any money paid from the Real Estate Guaranty Fund pursuant to this Order, under Code of Maryland Regulations 09.11.01.23A, with 12% annual interest.
2. The records and publications of the Maryland Real Estate Commission reflect this decision.
3. This decision is a proposed decision only and may be challenged by either the Claimant or the Respondent. If either party disagrees with this Proposed Order they may file written exceptions with the Commission. Any exceptions must be in writing addressed to the Executive Director signed below, Maryland Real Estate Commission, 500 N. Calvert Street, 3rd Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 and must be received within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision. If neither party files written exceptions, this proposed decision will become final at the end of the thirty (30) day period.

Date

12/20/16

MARYLAND STATE  
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

By:

Katherine F. Connelly,  
Executive Director