## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT HARTFORD DIVISION

IN RE:	) CASE NO.	16-20790 (AMN)
KRISTIN S. NORTON,	)	
DEBTOR.	) CHAPTER	7
KRISTIN S. NORTON, PLAINTIFF	_) ADV. PRO. NO.	19-02011 (JJT)
V.	) RE: ECF NOS.	68, 69, 72, 89, 93 102, 111
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR,	)	,
MATTHEW GALLIGAN,	)	
MORRIS BOREA, AND	)	
ROBBIE T. GERRICK,	)	
DEFENDANTS.	)	

## JUDGMENT, ORDER AND DECREE

Based upon this Court's finding of facts and conclusions of law that are delineated in its Memorandum of Decision on the Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. 115) and its Post-Trial Memorandum of Decision (ECF No. 235), it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that Judgment shall enter as follows:

That Defendants Town of South Windsor, Matthew Galligan and Morris Borea are found by this Court to have acted in civil contempt of Ms. Norton's Order of Discharge issued on August 17, 2016, in their pursuit and prosecution of the 2016 Lien.

That the Plaintiff, Ms. Norton, is awarded \$20,000 in compensatory damages and \$100,144.61 in legal fees and expenses jointly and severally against Defendants Town of South Windsor, Matthew Galligan and Morris Borea.

That, because of an absence of adequate proof demonstrating malicious, wanton or oppressive conduct, Ms. Norton's claim for punitive damages is hereby DENIED.

With respect to the Town's request for setoff that is based upon any judgment obtained in State Action # 2, given the decision of the Connecticut Appellate Court and the continuing appellate proceedings at the Connecticut Supreme Court associated with State Action # 2, and the lack of adequate briefing on this issue, at this time, the Court refrains from applying any setoff to the above award. The Court, however, will retain jurisdiction for the purpose of determining any claims of setoff that may be brought upon the conclusion of the state court appeal process.

That, based upon the Trial record, there is insufficient cause and evidence to refer this case to the United States District Court for further proceedings on whether the Town of South Windsor, Matthew Galligan and Morris Borea should be held in criminal contempt for their actions that violated the discharge injunction. Any right to withdraw the reference for such purpose is nevertheless reserved to the Parties.

That, consistent with the Court's prior findings with respect to the Town's four distinct discharge injunction violations, and pursuant to the equitable powers of this Court under 11 U.S.C. § 105, to the extent that the Town of South Windsor prevails in the civil proceeding entitled *Town of South Windsor, et al. v. Kristin Lanata aka Kristin Norton, et al.*, HHD-CV17-6083374-S ("State Action #2"), it shall be restrained, enjoined and otherwise prohibited from the enforcement or collection of any civil fine against Ms. Norton exceeding \$50,000.

That Ms. Norton's claim against Pam Oliva has been withdrawn with prejudice (ECF No. 60).

That Judgment shall enter in favor of Defendant Robbie Gerrick against the Plaintiff as to

Count I of the Operative Complaint finding no liability herein (ECF No. 69).

Further, the Town's Counter Claim for setoff is hereby severed and preserved for further

proceedings. This Judgment shall otherwise constitute the Final Judgment, Order and Decree of

this Court on the Plaintiff's Operative Complaint and it shall accordingly be docketed and served

by the Clerk of Court upon the parties.

IT IS SO ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED at Hartford, Connecticut this 20th day

of September 2021.

James J. Tancredi United Sates Bankruptcy Judge District of Connecticut

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