

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)
) [AWG]
Jane Christian,) Docket No. **12-0130**
n/k/a Jane Christian-Hutchinson,)
)
Petitioner) **Decision and Order**

Appearances:

Jane Christian, now known as Jane Christian-Hutchinson, the Petitioner, representing herself (appeared *pro se*); and

Michelle Tanner, Appeals Coordinator, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for the Respondent (USDA Rural Development).

1. The hearing by telephone was held on February 23, 2012. Jane Christian, now known as Jane Christian-Hutchinson, the Petitioner (“Petitioner Christian”), participated, representing herself (appearing *pro se*).

2. Rural Development, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is the Respondent (“USDA Rural Development”) and is represented by Michelle Tanner.

Summary of the Facts Presented

3. Petitioner Christian’s completed “Consumer Debtor Financial Statement,” was filed on February 15, 2012; together with PX 1 (a copy of the SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENT filed in 2002 in the District Court of the Virgin Islands, Division of St. Croix (Civil No. 2001-16)); together with Petitioner Christian’s Narrative, and are all admitted into evidence, together with the testimony of Petitioner Christian, together with her Hearing Request and all accompanying documents (filed December 30, 2011).

4. USDA Rural Development's Exhibits RX 1 through RX 6, plus Narrative, Witness & Exhibit List, were filed on February 10, 2011, and are admitted into evidence, together with the testimony of Michelle Tanner. Also admitted into evidence is USDA Rural Development's email filed the day after the hearing, on February 24, 2012.

5. Petitioner Christian owes nothing to USDA Rural Development, based on the SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENT (PX 1).

Findings, Analysis and Conclusions

6. The Secretary of Agriculture has jurisdiction over the parties, Petitioner Christian and USDA Rural Development; and over the subject matter, which is administrative wage garnishment.

7. Petitioner Christian owes nothing to USDA Rural Development, based on the SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENT (PX 1).

8. USDA Rural Development has recalled the debt from Treasury, the remaining Balance to be **canceled** by USDA Rural Development. *See* USDA Rural Development's email filed on February 24, 2012.

9. **NO** garnishment is authorized; **no** repayment of the debt through *offset* of Petitioner Christian's **income tax refunds** or other **Federal monies** is authorized; no form of further debt collection from Petitioner Christian in this matter is authorized.

Order

10. **No** further debt collection from Petitioner Christian in this matter is authorized; further, any monies collected from Petitioner Christian after the 2002 SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENT ***shall be returned to Petitioner Christian.***

Copies of this Decision shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties, together with a copy of USDA Rural Development's email filed on February 24, 2012.

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 9th day of March 2012

s/ Jill S. Clifton

Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

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