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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO.: 47 2024 CA 000191
JUDGE: LAURIE E. BUCHANAN

BE A MAN BUY LAND, LLC, a Florida
limited liability company

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSEPH BERRY THORNTON JR., UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JOSEPH BERRY THORNTON JR.,
CLERK OF COURT, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN
POSSESSION, IF ANY,

Defendants.

FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

This action was heard before the court on the 28th day of February, 2025, and on the evidence presented and being otherwise duly advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. **Motion Granted.** There is no dispute of material facts and plaintiff's motion for summary judgment is granted.

2. **Amounts Due.** Plaintiff, **BE A MAN BUY LAND, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, 4260 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, Florida 34997, is due:**

Principal due on the note secured by the mortgage foreclosed:	\$46,722.71
Interest at 6.0% on the note and mortgage from July 3, 2024 to December 18, 2024	\$1,285.71
Per Diem Interest at 6.0% on the note and mortgage from December 19, 2024 to February 28, 2025	\$645.16
Late Fees	\$20.22
Attorney fees:	
Finding as to reasonable number of hours: 14.00	
Attorney: 14.00 at \$250.00 per hour	

Attorneys' fees total	\$3,500.00
Court costs:	
Filing and Summons Fee	\$445.00
Lis Pendens Recording Fee	\$13.75
Service of Process	\$213.83
GRAND TOTAL	\$52,846.38

3. **Interest.** The total amount in paragraph 2 must bear interest from this date forward at the prevailing statutory rate of interest.

4. **Lien on Property.** Plaintiff holds a lien for the total sum superior to all claims or estates of defendant(s), (with the exception of any assessments that are superior pursuant to Section 718.116, or 720.3085, Florida Statutes) on the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida:

Parcel ID: 3-15-37-35-0010-00260-0110

Lot 11 of Block 26, City of Okeechobee, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 17, Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida, a copy of said Plat being recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 10, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property.

5. **Sale of Property.** If the total sum with interest at the rate described in paragraph 2 and all costs accrued subsequent to this judgment are not paid, the clerk of this court must sell the property at public sale on April 23, 2025, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in Paragraph 6, by **electronic sale at 11:00 a.m. <https://okeechobee.realforeclose.com>**, in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes. **The public sale must not be postponed or canceled without a court order. All orders postponing or canceling the sale must be filed with the clerk of court no later than 5:00 p.m. five (5) business days before the sale date. Counsel for plaintiff must be certain that all sale and clerk fees are paid and that the original proof of publication is filed no less than five (5) business days before the sale date. Failure to timely file the original proof of publication of the notice of sale and pay the sale and clerk fees will stop the sale. Additionally, the failure of plaintiff's counsel to pay the sale fee and properly and timely publish the notice of sale may result in sanctions against the plaintiff, plaintiff's counsel individually, and the law firm representing the plaintiff. Any electronic sale by the clerk must be in accordance with the written administrative policy for electronic sales published by the clerk at the official website for the clerk and posted in the public areas of the clerk's offices.**

6. **Costs.** Plaintiff must advance all subsequent costs of this action and must be reimbursed for them by the clerk if plaintiff is not the purchaser of the property for sale, provided, however, that the purchaser of the property for sale must be responsible for the documentary stamps payable on the certificate of title. If plaintiff is the purchaser, plaintiff must file an affidavit within 5 business days and the clerk must credit plaintiff's bid with the total sum with post-judgment interest and costs accruing subsequent to this judgment, or such part of it, as is necessary to pay the bid in full. The clerk must receive the service charge imposed in Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

7. **Distribution of Proceeds.** On filing the certificate of title, the clerk must distribute the proceeds of the sale, so far as they are sufficient, by paying: first, all of plaintiff's costs; second, documentary stamps affixed to the certificate; third, plaintiff's attorneys' fees; fourth, the total sum due to plaintiff, less the items paid, plus interest at the rate prescribed in paragraph 2 from this date to the date of the sale; and by retaining any remaining amount pending further order of this court.

8. **Right of Redemption.** On filing the certificate of sale, defendant(s) and all persons claiming under or against defendant(s) since the filing of the notice of lis pendens must be foreclosed of all estate or claim in the property, and defendant's right of redemption as prescribed by section 45.0315, Florida Statutes, must be terminated, except as to the rights of a bona fide tenant occupying residential premises under the federal Protection Tenants at Foreclosure Act, 12 U.S.C. sec. 5220, note, or section 83.5615, Florida Statutes, and claims or rights under chapter 718 or chapter 720, Florida Statutes, if any.

9. **Right of Possession.** On the filing of the certificate of title, the person named on the certificate of title must be let into possession of the property subject to the rights of a bona fide tenant occupying residential premises under the Federal Protecting at Foreclosure Act, 12 U.S.C. sec 5220, note, or section 83.5615, Florida Statutes. If any defendant or tenant remains in possession of the property, an Order Granting the Motion For Writ of Possession must be entered without further notice or hearing, subject to the purchaser's compliance with Section 83.5615, Florida Statutes.

10. **Attorneys' Fees.** The court finds, based upon the affidavits/testimony presented and upon inquiry of counsel for the plaintiff that 14 hours were reasonably expended by plaintiff's counsel and that an hourly rate of \$250.00 is appropriate. Plaintiff's counsel represents that the attorney fee awarded does not exceed its contract fee with the plaintiff. The court finds that there are no reduction or enhancement factors for consideration by the court under *Florida Patients Compensation Fund v. Rowe*, 472 So. 2d 1145 (Fla. 1985).

11. **Jurisdiction Retained.** Jurisdiction of this action is retained to enter further orders that are proper including, without limitation, a deficiency judgment, writs of possession and such supplemental relief or judgments as may be appropriate.

12. **Assignment of Bid or Judgment.** Prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Title, the Plaintiff may assign its Judgment, or the purchaser at the foreclosure sale may assign its bid,

without further Order of this Court. The Clerk is authorized and directed to issue the Certificate of Title to the assignee of any bid or Judgment and the Court shall not consider the file closed under Fla. Stat. § 28.241 until after the Certificate of Title has been issued.

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THE FINAL JUDGMENT. IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A TIMELY CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.

IF YOU ARE THE PROPERTY OWNER, YOU MAY CLAIM THESE FUNDS YOURSELF. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A LAWYER OR ANY OTHER REPRESENTATION AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ASSIGN YOUR RIGHTS TO ANYONE ELSE IN ORDER FOR YOU TO CLAIM ANY MONEY TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE SALE TO SEE IF THERE IS ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE FORECLOSURE SALE THAT THE CLERK HAS IN THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT.

IF YOU DECIDE TO SELL YOUR HOME OR HIRE SOMEONE TO HELP YOU CLAIM THE ADDITIONAL MONEY, YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY ALL PAPERS YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN, ASK SOMEONE ELSE, PREFERABLY AN ATTORNEY WHO IS NOT RELATED TO THE PERSON OFFERING TO HELP YOU, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SIGNING AND THAT YOU ARE NOT TRANSFERRING YOUR PROPERTY OR THE EQUITY IN YOUR PROPERTY WITHOUT THE PROPER INFORMATION. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT FLORIDA RURAL LEGAL SERVICE – FORT PIERCE OFFICE, 510 SOUTH US HIGHWAY 1, SUITE 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34948, (772) 466-4776, TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FINANCIALLY FOR THEIR SERVICES. IF THEY CANNOT ASSIST YOU, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO REFER YOU TO A LOCAL BAR REFERRAL AGENCY OR SUGGEST OTHER OPTIONS. IF YOU CHOOSE TO CONTACT FLORIDA RURAL LEGAL SERVICE – FORT PIERCE OFFICE, (772) 466-4776, FOR ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE.

ORDERED on February 28, 2025 at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida.



Signed by LAURIE BUCHANAN 02/28/2025 10:58:57 5/19/2017
LAURIE E. BUCHANAN
 CIRCUIT JUDGE

A COPY OF THIS ORDER IS BEING SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING PARTIES VIA THE E-FILING PORTAL:

Rene S. Griffith, Esq.; reneg@beamanbuyland.com

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL SHALL IMMEDIATELY SERVE A COPY OF THIS ORDER ON THE FOLLOWING PARTIES AND FILE A CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE IN THIS COURT FILE:

JOSEPH BERRY THORNTON JR., 802 NW 10th St., Okeechobee, Florida 34972
CLERK OF COURT, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, c/o Jerald D. Bryant, Clerk of Court, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, Florida 34972