

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES**

The Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	HUDALJ 10-E-204-PF/18
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Steven Sickles & Shannon Sickles,)	
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Respondents.)	
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ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION TO DISMISS

This matter was initiated by the filing of a Complaint dated September 21, 2010, by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), against Respondents Steven and Shannon Sickles, seeking a \$6,500 civil penalty pursuant to its authority under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (“PFCRA”), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812, as implemented by 24 C.F.R. Part 28.

On November 15, 2010, noting that Respondent had not yet filed a response to the Complaint, the undersigned issued an Order Requesting Proof of Service. On November 29, 2010, HUD filed a Motion for Default Judgment, which was denied per Order dated December 22, 2010.

On January 7, 2011, HUD filed an Unopposed Motion to Dismiss (“Motion”), stating that “Steven Sickles and Shannon Sickles entered into a settlement” with HUD, and the parties jointly move for dismissal based on the execution of a Settlement Agreement, a copy of which HUD attached to the Motion. The Settlement Agreement, which was signed by Respondents on December 21, 2010, and by a representative of HUD on December 27, 2010, attests that Respondents agree to pay \$3,250 plus interest to HUD in installments.

The Rules provide that the parties “may enter into a settlement agreement at any time prior to the issuing of a notice of final determination.” 24 C.F.R. § 28.45(a).

It is ordered that the Unopposed Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED** and this matter is **DISMISSED** due to the parties’ execution of a Settlement Agreement.



Susan L. Biro
Chief Administrative Law Judge¹

Dated: January 11, 2011
Washington, D.C.

¹ The Administrative Law Judges of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. are authorized to hear cases pending before the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to an Interagency Agreement in effect beginning March 4, 2010.