

## Office of Appeals U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Washington, D.C. 20410-0001

In the Matter of:

Mohammad Hassan,

HUDOA No. 10-H-CH-LL127 Claim No. 7-802152540A

Petitioner

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## **RULING ON SECRETARY'S MOTION TO DISMISS**

Petitioner was notified by a Notice of Intent that, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § § 3716 and 3720A, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") intended to seek offset by the United States Department of the Treasury of certain Federal payments due to Petitioner to recover a claimed past due, legally enforceable debt of Petitioner to HUD.

Petitioner filed a timely request to present evidence that the debt was not past due or not legally enforceable. Pursuant to 24 C.F.R. § § 17.150-17.170 and 20.4(b), the administrative judges of the HUD Office of Appeals are authorized to determine whether these debts are past due and legally enforceable. As a result of Petitioner's request, referral of the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury was temporarily stayed by this Office April 20, 2010.

On May 13, 2010, a Motion to Dismiss was filed on behalf of the Secretary stating that "The Secretary has determined that the Petitioner has likely been the victim of fraud."

Upon due consideration, the Secretary's Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED**. It is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Secretary shall not seek to collect this debt by means of administrative offset of any Federal payments due to Petitioner because the debt is unenforceable due to fraud.

The Stay of Referral of this matter to the U.S. Department of the Treasury is made permanent.

This matter is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

Vanessa L. Hall

Administrative Judge

May 14, 2010