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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

In the Matter of: DONALD JOSEPH
DUCHARME,

Debtor.

No. 07-56409

D.C. No. CV-05-01078-ODW

MEMORANDUM*

DONALD JOSEPH DUCHARME,

Appellant,

v.

JR CAPITAL GROUP, dba Sands Mobile
Home Estates,

Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Central District of California
Otis D. Wright II, District Judge, Presiding

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

Submitted November 17, 2009**

Before: ALARCÓN, TROTT, and TASHIMA, Circuit Judges.

Donald Joseph Ducharme appeals pro se from the decision of the district court affirming the bankruptcy court's order granting relief from the automatic stay to allow JR Capital Group ("JR") to enforce a state court unlawful detainer judgment entered against Ducharme prior to his filing for bankruptcy. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(d). We review de novo the district court's decision on an appeal from the bankruptcy court and review for an abuse of discretion the bankruptcy court's decision to grant relief from the automatic stay. *Benedor Corp. v. Conejo Enters. (In re Conejo Enters.)*, 96 F.3d 346, 351 (9th Cir. 1996). We affirm.

The bankruptcy court did not abuse its discretion by granting relief from the automatic stay to allow JR to enforce a state court unlawful detainer judgment declaring the rental agreement between Ducharme and JR terminated and forfeited. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) (allowing the bankruptcy court to grant relief from the stay for cause); *cf. City of Valdez v. Waterkist Corp. (In re Waterkist Corp.)*, 775

** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

F.2d 1089, 1091 (9th Cir. 1985) (explaining that a debtor may not assume a lease in bankruptcy that was terminated and forfeited under state law).

We are unpersuaded by Ducharme's contention that the order relieving JR from the automatic stay was invalidated upon approval of his chapter 13 plan because nothing in the approved plan addressed the rental agreement.

We decline to dismiss this appeal as moot because JR has failed to establish there is no effective relief remaining. *See Suter v. Goedert*, 504 F.3d 982, 986 (9th Cir. 2007) (“[T]he party asserting mootness has the heavy burden of establishing that there is no effective relief remaining for the court to provide.”) (internal citation and quotation marks omitted).

JR's and Ducharme's requests for judicial notice are denied.

AFFIRMED.