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Court awards MHA more than \$7,000

MILLVILLE -- The Millville Housing Authority announced it recently was awarded three court judgments, totaling more than \$7,000, from tenants who failed to pay rent.

The civil judgments issued by state Superior Court in Bridgeton were against three former tenants in the amounts of \$3,352.32, \$2,828.47 and \$827.16. The money was for back rent and related charges, according to the MHA.

"The MHA has maintained an authority-wide policy of strict lease enforcement at all of its locations since January 2009," MHA Executive Director Paul Dice said. "That includes an action not utilized by the MHA prior to January 2009 -- filing Superior Court complaints against tenants, past or present, who owe the agency money for rent, late charges, unit damage, utilities and more."

If the ex-tenants don't pay the court-ordered judgments, Dice said, the MHA will pursue wage garnishments, levies on bank accounts or other legal options.