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STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF LAKE )

IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR COURT  
CIVIL ROOM 1  
HAMMOND, INDIANA

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA, )

Plaintiff, )

CAUSE NO. 45D01-1605-PL-00052

v. )

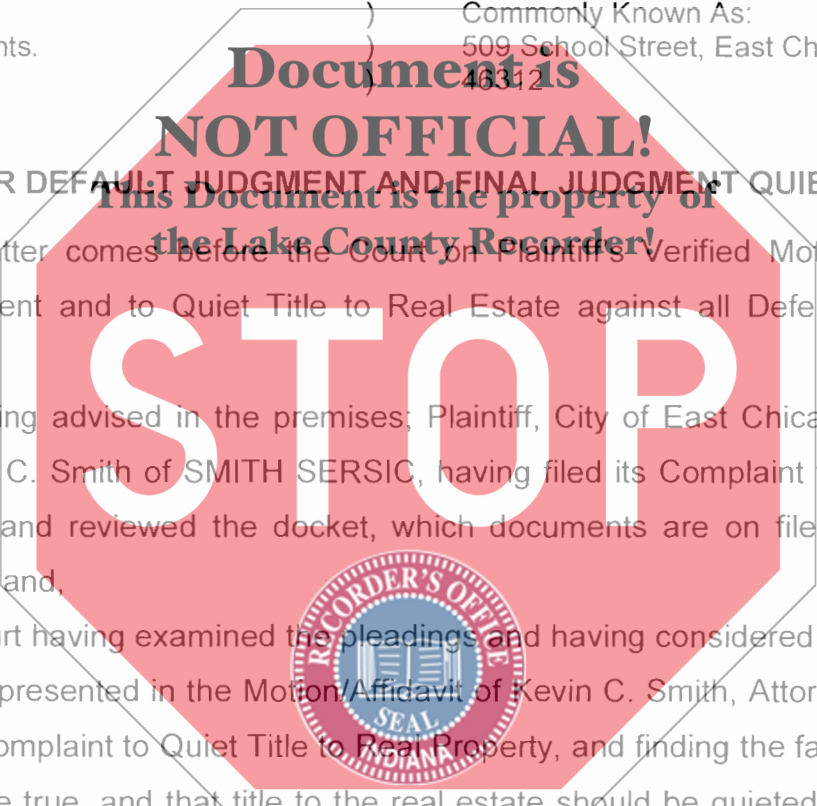
Property: 45-03-16-330-005.000-02

MADELINE WALCZAK, DONALD E. SWENTZEL, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN TENANTS, )

Defendants. )

Commonly Known As:  
509 School Street, East Chicago, IN 46312

STATE OF INDIANA  
LAKE COUNTY  
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RECORDER  
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**ORDER FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND FINAL JUDGMENT QUIETING TITLE**

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Verified Motion/Affidavit for Default Judgment and to Quiet Title to Real Estate against all Defendants and the World.

After being advised in the premises; Plaintiff, City of East Chicago, Indiana, by counsel, Kevin C. Smith of SMITH SERSIC, having filed its Complaint to Quiet Title to Real Property and reviewed the docket, which documents are on file as part of this Court's record; and,

The Court having examined the pleadings and having considered the evidence of the Plaintiff as presented in the Motion/Affidavit of Kevin C. Smith, Attorney for Plaintiff, in support of Complaint to Quiet Title to Real Property, and finding the fact stated in that Complaint to be true, and that title to the real estate should be quieted in the name of the Plaintiff as against all Defendants and the world, now FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

**NON-TAXABLE**

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JOHN E. PETALAS  
LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

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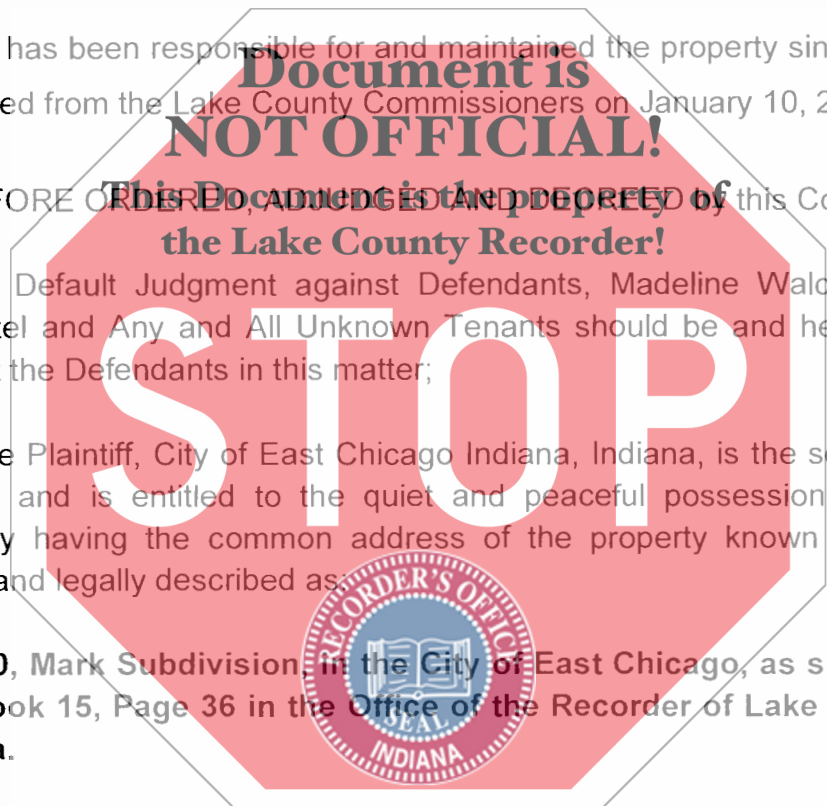
1. The Plaintiff filed this case on May 10, 2016 and a copy of the complaint and summons was delivered to Defendant Madeline Walczak by Sheriff on May 24, 2016 and Defendants Donald E. Sentzel and Any and All Unknown Tenants were served by publication on May 31, June 7 and June 14, 2016.
2. The time within which remaining Defendants were required to appear and plead has expired, and no answer, motion or other pleading, has been filed by the Defendants and a Default Judgment of said Defendants may be properly entered at this time against non-answering Defendants, or non-disclaiming Defendants, and motion for same was filed by Plaintiff;
3. The real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in Lake County, Indiana;
4. Plaintiff has been responsible for and maintained the property since receiving the Tax Deed from the Lake County Commissioners on January 10, 2014.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by this Court as follows:

1. That a Default Judgment against Defendants, Madeline Walczak, Donald E. Swentzel and Any and All Unknown Tenants should be and hereby is entered against the Defendants in this matter;
2. That the Plaintiff, City of East Chicago Indiana, Indiana, is the sole owner in fee simple, and is entitled to the quiet and peaceful possession of certain real property having the common address of the property known as 509 School Street and legally described as

**Lot 170, Mark Subdivision, in the City of East Chicago, as shown in Plat Book 15, Page 36 in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.**

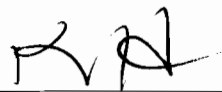
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More commonly known as 509 School Street, East Chicago, IN  
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3. That any and all claims of listed and named Defendants and the of the World as to the above-described property are foreclosed and forever barred and held for naught, and Defendants are declared to have no estate right, title, lien, or other interest in or to such property;
4. Each party to bear their own costs of this action.

SO ORDERED: this 4 day of August, 2016

  
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Judge, Lake Superior Court  
**TEMPORARY JUDGE**

