

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Docket No. 13-0158

In re: BRANDIE JONES,

Petitioner

**DECISION AND ORDER DISMISSING WAGE GARNISHMENT ACTION**

This matter is before the Office of Administrative Law Judges (“OALJ”) upon the petition of Brandie Jones (“Petitioner”) challenging the existence or amount of a debt alleged to be due to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Agency (“Respondent”; “USDA-RD”); and if established, the propriety of imposing administrative wage garnishment.

Petitioner timely requested a hearing before the Office of Administrative Law Judges (“OALJ”) upon notice of intent to garnish her wages, and a hearing was scheduled. Subsequently, representatives for USDA filed notice that the debt was resolved through tax refund offset. Accordingly, Petitioner’s debt is satisfied and wage garnishment is not appropriate.

For the foregoing reasons, this matter is DISMISSED.

Copies of this Decision and order shall be served upon the parties by the Hearing Clerk’s Office.

So ORDERED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

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Janice K. Bullard  
Administrative Law Judge