

United States Court of Appeals
For the **Seventh Circuit**
Chicago, Illinois 60604

May 24, 2019

Before:

William J. Bauer, Circuit Judge
Michael S. Kanne, Circuit Judge
Michael B. Brennan, Circuit Judge

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff-Appellee,
No. 18-3662 v.
RONALD MUHAMMAD,
Defendant-Appellant.

] Appeal from the United
] States District Court for
] the Northern District of
] Illinois, Eastern Division.
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] No. 1:18-cv-06548
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] Robert W. Gettleman,
] Judge.

ORDER

On January 17, 2019, the court issued an order requiring that both appellant and appellee file, on or before January 31, 2019, a brief memorandum explaining why this court should not dismiss this appeal for lack of jurisdiction. To date, appellant has not responded. Appellee responded, filing a memorandum on March 1, 2019. On consideration of that memorandum and review of the short record,

IT IS ORDERED that this appeal is DISMISSED for lack of jurisdiction.

This court has consistently reminded litigants that an order remanding a case to state court based on lack of subject matter jurisdiction or a defect in the removal procedure is not reviewable on appeal, whether or not the decision is correct. *See, e.g., The Northern League, Inc. v. Gidney*, 558 F.3d 614 (7th Cir. 2009) (*per curiam*); *Rubel v.*

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Pfizer, Inc., 361 F.3d 1016 (7th Cir. 2004); *Phoenix Container, L.P. v. Sokoloff*, 235 F.3d 352, 354-55 (7th Cir. 2000); *In re Continental Casualty Co.*, 29 F.3d 292, 293 (7th Cir. 1994).

In the present case, the district court remanded this case to state court in a minute entry of November 15, 2018, and in a separate minute entry of December 13, 2018, denied appellant's motion to strike and/or disregard and overrule appellee's motion to dismiss. The district court, at the December 13, 2018, hearing, informed defendant that "This is not a federal matter," explaining that "we don't have jurisdiction over a state mortgage foreclosure action." In light of the district court's ruling, this court cannot review the remand order.