

This is an example of a statement you might make at a hearing if you sue in Small Claims Court:

“Your Honor, on January 7, 2012, I rented an apartment from the defendant, Lee Landlord.

I paid a \$600 security deposit and \$650 for last month’s rent.

Here are copies of my rental agreement and deposit and rent receipts.

On April 6, 2012, the City of Dollar posted the attached notice on my door stating the place is unsafe because of code violations and that I had to move.

On April 13, I moved out.

On April 16, 2012, I sent my landlord the attached letter asking for relocation assistance.

I waited one week. When the landlord did not respond, I filed this lawsuit.

Here is a copy of the sheriff's affidavit showing the sheriff served my landlord with my claim more than five days before trial.

Under RCW 59.18.085, I believe I am entitled to relocation assistance of \$2,000.00, a full return of my security deposit, 16 days of prepaid rent for April, and the payment I made when I moved in to cover “last month’s rent.”

I also ask for reimbursement of my filing fee and the service fee the sheriff charged me.

I would be glad to answer any questions you have.”