



¶ 3 The common law record shows, in relevant part, that on July 1, 2011, Hawthorne filed a complaint for possession of the condominium unit owned by defendant at 1139 Leavitt Avenue, in Flossmoor, and for unpaid common expenses of \$9,555.20, plus fees and costs. Thereafter, defendant filed a *pro se* appearance, and the case was set for trial on November 1, 2011.

¶ 4 On the scheduled trial date, the circuit court entered judgment for Hawthorne in the amount of \$12,531.95, a sum comprised of \$11,548.95 in unpaid common expenses, \$500 in attorneys' fees, and \$483 in costs. The court also awarded Hawthorne possession of defendant's condominium unit. Defendant now appeals from that order.

¶ 5 We note, initially, that defendant has failed to comply with the supreme court rules governing appellate briefs in that she has not submitted a *signed* certification that her brief complies with the applicable form and length requirements. Ill. S. Ct. R. 341(c) (eff. Jul. 1, 2008). More importantly, however, defendant has failed to satisfy her burden to present a sufficiently complete record of the proceedings to support her claim of error. *Foutch v. O'Bryant*, 99 Ill. 2d 389, 391 (1984). Specifically, she has failed to provide a report of the proceedings at trial when the claimed error allegedly occurred, and merely supplemented the record with a *proposed* bystander's report. Although a bystander's report can serve as a substitute for a transcript of the trial proceedings, such a report may not be included in the record unless it is certified by the court or stipulated to by the parties (Ill. S. Ct. R. 323(c) (eff. Dec. 13, 2005), neither of which was done here. *Midwest Builder Distributing, Inc. v. Lord & Essex, Inc.*, 383 Ill. App. 3d 645, 655 (2007). In the absence of a sufficient record on appeal, we presume that the trial court's judgment was in conformity with the law and had a sufficient factual basis. *Foutch*, 99 Ill. 2d at 392.

¶ 6 Accordingly, we affirm the judgment of the circuit court of Cook County.

¶ 7 Affirmed.

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