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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

: FINAL DECISION

LINDA M. HECK : AND ORDER RESPONDENT : LS0409233REB

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

Linda M. Heck 707 Old Settlement Drive Watertown, WI 53098

Wisconsin Real Estate Board P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Linda M. Heck ("Respondent"), date of birth 07/07/1954, is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a real estate broker having license #94-39236. This license was first granted to her on 05/03/1993, and will expire on 12/31/2004. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 707 Old Settlement Drive, Watertown, WI 53098.
- 2. At all times relevant to the facts set forth below Respondent was employed as a real estate salesperson.
- 3. On September 17, 2003, Respondent was convicted of Theft in a Business Setting of an amount in excess of \$2500.00, contrary to § 943.20(1)(b), Wis. Stats. The theft occurred during the course of Respondent's employment in a position that does not require a real estate license.
- 4. On November 24, 2003, the Department of Regulation and Licensing received information that Respondent had been terminated from her employment as a real estate salesperson, and advising the Department that due to confidentiality issues any further information regarding Respondent must be obtained from the Respondent or her attorney.
- 5. In response to a Department inquiry on February 24, 2004, Respondent wrote to the Department, in part, that, "I have been taking care of a legal matter which is totally unrelated to Real Estate." Further, Respondent wrote that, "I need to discuss the possibility of resuming my Real Estate License after fully disclosing all the facts concerning my legal (situation)."
- 6. Per § RL 24.17(1), "licensees may not violate...any law the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practices of real estate broker or salesperson. A licensee who has been convicted of a crime...shall send to the department within 30 days after the judgment of conviction a copy of the complaint or other information which describes the nature of the

crime and the judgment of conviction in order that eh department may determine whether the circumstances of the crime of which the licensee was convicted are substantially related to the practice of a real estate broker or salesperson, pursuant to s. 111.335(1)(c), Stats."

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Wisconsin Real Estate Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to sec. 452.14, Wis. Stats.
- 2. The Wisconsin Real Estate Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to sec. 227.44(5), Wis. Stats.
- 3. Respondent **Linda M. Heck** has violated § RL 24.17(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code by failing to provide a copy of the judgment of conviction, complaint, or other information from which the Department of Regulation and Licensing could determine whether or not her crime was substantially related to the practice of real estate within 30 days after the judgment.
- 4. Conviction of the crime of Theft in a Business Setting in excess of \$2,500.00 is substantially related to the practice of a real estate salesperson within the meaning of § 111.335(1)(c), Wis. Stats., because real estate salespersons handle cash and/or have access to banking accounts in the course of their employment.
- 5. Respondent **Linda M. Heck** has violated § RL 24.17(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code by violating a law the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of a real estate salesperson.
- 6. The real estate salesperson license of Respondent **Linda M. Heck** is subject to discipline pursuant to § RL 24.17(2), (3), Wis. Admin. Code.

### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is hereby accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent LINDA M. HECK's license #94-39236, be, and hereby is, REVOKED.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2004.

## WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE BOARD

Richard Kollmansberger A Member of the Board