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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE :

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS :

AGAINST : FINDINGS & ORDER

LS0410137RSG

FREDDIE FERNANDEZ : RESPONDENT. :

Division of Enforcement File: 04 RSG 009

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

Freddie Fernandez 419 East Concordia Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53212

Department of Regulation and Licensing Office of the Secretary 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 designee of the Secretary of the Department of Regulation and Licensing ("Designee"). The Designee has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Freddie Fernandez ("Respondent"), whose date of birth is June 20, 1956, possesses a permit to practice as a Private Security Person in the state of Wisconsin (license #108-7380), which was first granted on April 8, 1998. Respondent also possesses a certification of firearms proficiency, which was first granted on November 10, 2000.
- 2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing ("Department") is 419 East Concordia Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53212.
- 3. On February 4, 2004, Respondent presented himself at the Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, at its service center located at 819 North 6th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, ostensibly for the purpose of obtaining identification using the birth certificate of another person.
- 4. At some point during the attempt the Respondent stated to an employee of the Division of Motor Vehicles that she had "passed the test," and explained that he was conducting a survey to see how easy it was to obtain false identification from the State of Wisconsin.
- 5. At some point during the attempt a State Capitol Police officer arrived, and the Respondent stated that he was working in cooperation with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. The officer made two or more attempts to verify Respondent's claim with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, but could find no one at that office who

knew of either the Respondent, or an investigation concerning whether false identification could be obtained from the State of Wisconsin.

- 6. Respondent has stated that he was conducting the survey for the purpose of obtaining contracts for his private investigation agency from the Division of Motor Vehicles. At the time of the incident the license of said private investigation agency, Milwaukee Protection Unit, LLC (license # 62-16146), had expired. Respondent has stated that Milwaukee Protection Unit, LLC, never had any clients or contracts.
- 7. Per Wis. Admin. Code § RL 35.01(2), it is unprofessional conduct for any licensee to violate "any law the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of a... private security person."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Department of Regulation and Licensing has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 440.26(6).
- 2. The Department of Regulation and Licensing is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 227.44(5).
- 3. By his conduct as set forth above in paragraphs three (3) and four (4) of the Findings of Fact the Respondent made one or more false statements to the Department of Transportation in violation of Wis. Stats. § 345.17(1)(c).
- 4. Respondent's violation of Wis. Stats. § 345.17(1)(c) is unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § RL 35.01(2), because the circumstances of the violation of Wis. Stats. § 345.17(1)(c) substantially relate to the practice of a licensed security guard given that governmental officials must be able to rely upon security guards to provide them with truthful information, and given that the Respondent's conduct was committed in the course of attempting to secure work for his private detective agency.
- 5. By his conduct as set forth above in paragraph five (5) of the Findings of Fact the Respondent obstructed a State Capitol Police officer in violation of Wis. Stats. § 946.41(1).
- 6. Respondent's violation of Wis. Stats. § 946.41(1) is unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § RL 35.01(2), because the circumstances of the violation of Wis. Stats. § 946.41(1) substantially relate to the practice of a licensed security guard given that law enforcement officers must be able to rely upon security guards to provide them with truthful information, and given that the Respondent's conduct was committed in the course of attempting to secure work for his private detective agency.

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Private Security Person Permit and Firearms Certification of Proficiency of Respondent **FREDDIE FERNANDEZ**, credential # 108-7380, are hereby **REVOKED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all evidence of any Private Security Person Permit and Firearms Certification of Proficiency previously issued to Respondent Freddie Fernandez shall be returned to the Department of Regulation and Licensing at the address indicated below no later than thirty (30) days within the date of this order; OR that Respondent Freddie Fernandez shall submit to the Department of Regulation and Licensing at the address indicated below an affidavit stating that said evidence of credentials was confiscated by the State Capitol Police, and that he has delivered a letter to the State Capitol Police requesting that the same be delivered to the address indicated below:

Department Monitor Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement 1400 East Washington Ave. P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Fax: (608) 266-2264

Telephone: (608) 267-3817

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all rights and privileges heretofore granted to Respondent Freddie Fernandez are terminated effective at 11:50 P.M. on the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that file 04 RSG 009 is hereby closed.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Department of Regulation and Licensing for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 13th day of October, 2004.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

Sandra Rowe Secretary or Designee