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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

KATHLEEN J. DEGRE AND

ANGEL EYES INVESTIGATION,

RESPONDENTS.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 RAL 008

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Kathleen J. Degre 405 S. Farwell Street Suite 3 Eau Claire, WI 54701-2701

Angel Eyes Investigation 405 S. Farwell Street Suite 3 Eau Claire, WI 54701-2701

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8368
Madison, WI 53708-8368

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

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 Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Kathleen J. Degre (dob December 19, 1973) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a private detective, having license number 10732-63, first issued on March 5, 2003

and current through August 31, 2016. Kathleen J. Degre's most recent address on file with the Department is 405 S. Farwell Street, Suite 3, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701-2701.

- 2. Respondent Angel Eyes Investigation is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a private detective agency, having license number 16276-62, first issued on March 5, 2003 and current through August 31, 2015. Angel Eyes Investigation's most recent address on file with the Department is 405 S. Farwell Street, Suite 3, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701-2701.
 - 3. Respondent Degre is the owner of Respondent Angel Eyes Investigation.
- 4. On July 22, 2014, Respondent Angel Eyes Investigation entered into a written Investigative Agreement to provide private detective services to a client.
- 5. The July 22, 2014 Investigative Agreement did not include a description of the services to be provided by Respondent Angel Eyes Investigation.
- 6. In resolution of this matter, Respondents consent to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.26(6), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Angel Eyes Investigation violated Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 33.06(1)(c) by failing to include a description of the services to be provided by the agency in its contract to provide services.
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Angel Eyes Investigation engaged in conduct reflecting adversely on professional qualification pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 35.01(12m) by violating the requirements for written contracts in Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 33.06.
- 4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Degre engaged in conduct reflecting adversely on her professional qualification pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 35.01 by aiding and abetting Respondent Angel Eyes Investigation's violation of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 33.06(1)(c).
- 5. As a result of the violations noted in the Conclusions of Law, Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.26(6)(a)2. and 4.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Kathleen J. Degre is REPRIMANDED.

- 3. Respondent Angel Eyes Investigation is REPRIMANDED.
- 4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent Degre shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$120.
- 5. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent Angel Eyes Investigation shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$120.
- 6. Payment of the costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent by Respondents to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

- 7. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondents' licenses. The Department in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondents fail to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered and as set forth above, Respondents' licenses (nos. 10732-63 and 16276-62) may, in the discretion of the Department, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondents have complied with payment of the costs.
 - 8. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Michael J. Berndt, Chief Legal Counsel

On Behalf of the Department

12/8/14 Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

KATHLEEN J. DEGRE AND ANGEL EYES INVESTIGATION, RESPONDENTS.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 RAL 008

Respondents Kathleen J. Degre and Angel Eyes Investigation and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

- 1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondents consent to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Respondents understand that by signing this Stipulation, Respondents voluntarily and knowingly waive the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondents, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondents;
 - the right to call witnesses on Respondents' behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena:
 - the right to testify on Respondents' own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondents under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondents are aware of Respondents' right to seek legal representation and have been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
- 4. Respondents agree to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondents waive all rights to any appeal of the Department's Order, if adopted in the form as attached.

- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.
- 6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance may appear before the Department, without the presence of Respondents, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the Department may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation.
- 7. Respondents are informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondents in recommending that the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Kathleen J. Degre, Respondent 405 S. Farwell Street Suite 3	12-3-1 Ly Date
Eau Claire, WI 54701-2701	
License no. 10732-63	
Angel Eyes Investigation, Respondent By: Kathleen J. Degre 405 S. Farwell Street Suite 3 Eau Claire, WI 54701-2701 License no. 16276-62	12-3-14 Date
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