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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

WILLIAM S. GEIGER, RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 RSG 013

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

William S. Geiger 606 Maple Street Eau Claire, WI 54703

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 William S. Geiger (DOB October 8, 1992) is permitted in the State of Wisconsin as a private security person, having permit number 48497-108, first issued on October 7, 2013 and current through August 31, 2016. William S. Geiger's most recent address on file with the Department is 606 Maple Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703.
- 2. On September 24, 2014, Respondent was charged with False Imprisonment-Domestic, Felony H; Negligent Handling of a Weapon-Domestic, Misdemeanor A; and

Disorderly Conduct-Domestic and with a Use of a Dangerous Weapon, Misdemeanor B (Eau Claire County Circuit Court Case Number 2014CF000836).

- 3. The Criminal Complaint alleges Respondent became upset during an argument with his girlfriend, blocked the apartment door so she could not leave, and waived around a pistol with which he threatened to shoot himself.
- 4. On April 6, 2015, Respondent pled guilty to False Imprisonment-Domestic, Felony H, and Negligent Handling of a Weapon-Domestic, Misdemeanor A, and entered into a ten (10) month Deferred Acceptance of a Guilty Plea Agreement (Agreement).
- 5. The terms of the Agreement require Respondent to complete 40 (forty) hours of community service; pay all fees and surcharges associated with the Agreement; commit no further crimes; have no violent, threatening or harassing contact with the victim; not purchase, possess, own or carry any firearm except as deemed appropriate by the Army during drill only; complete a domestic abuse program and comply with counseling and/or treatment; and undergo a mental health evaluation.
- 6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents 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 William S. Geiger engaged in conduct reflecting adversely on his professional qualification pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 35.01(2) by violating a law the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of a private security person.
- 3. As a result of the violation noted in the Conclusions of Law, Respondent William S. Geiger is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.26(6)(a)1. and 2. and Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 35.01.

#### **ORDER**

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Respondent William S. Geiger's private security person permit (no. 48497-108) is hereby ACCEPTED.
- 3. Respondent shall not re-apply for licensure for a period of five (5) years following the date of this Order.
  - 4. Should Respondent re-apply for licensure:

- a. Respondent shall pay the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$419, before any such application may be considered.
- b. Respondent shall submit a new application for licensure and meet all requirements for licensure or certification existing at the time of the application.
- c. The Department may determine whether and under what terms and conditions such licensure may be granted.
- d. Violation of any terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a revocation of Respondent's right to re-apply for a license. In its discretion the Board may, in the alternative, impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.
- 5. 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

2/29/16 Date

## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

WILLIAM S. GEIGER,

RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 RSG 013

Respondent William S. Geiger 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. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
  - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, 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 Respondent;
  - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
  - the right to testify on Respondent's 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 Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
- 4. Respondent agrees 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. Respondent waives 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 Respondent, 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. Respondent is 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 Respondent in recommending that the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

William S. Geiger, Respondent

606 Maple Street Eau Claire, WI 54703 Permit no. 48497-108 2-13-16 Date

2/25/16

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