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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

RODRIGUES REED, &

ORDER 0006792

METRO ELECTRIC

RESPONDENTS.

Case # 19 COM 107

TO: RODRIGUES REED 3830 North 10th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53206

Re: Residential Master Electrician License # 1432519 & Electrical Contractor License # 1480230

You are hereby notified that you are subject to a forfeiture of \$400.00 in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 101.88 because you engaged in electrical work without pulling the necessary permits as required by Wisconsin Code. This forfeiture must be paid within 30 days of the date of mailing of this Notice, or a 12% interest penalty will be assessed and/or enforcement action may be taken against you.

The forfeiture of \$400.00 shall be made out to the "Department of Safety and Professional Services." Include in the memo line "19 COM 107" and send to the following address:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
4822 Madison Yards Way
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

You are receiving this forfeiture because you performed electrical work at 1327C Randolph Court, Milwaukee WI 53212 without obtaining a permit from the City of Milwaukee. An investigation was opened and it was determined that work was done at the site in May and June 2019 and that you never pulled a permit for the work performed. Wis. Admin. Code Sec. SPS 316.012(1)(a) requires that a permit be obtained prior to electrical work being performed. An investigation by the Department found that you were aware that a permit was needed to do

the work and you told the homeowner that a permit was required. However, you still engaged in electrical work without a permit being pulled. Wis. Stat. Sec. 101.88 states that the Department may issue a forfeiture of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 to any person who violates a rule promulgated by the Department.

You claim that the work done was emergency electrical work and therefore no permit was needed. Wis. Admin. Code Sec. SPS 316.012(1)(b) specifically states that when emergency work is performed a permit must be obtained within one business day of the installation. Further, you performed additional electrical work approximately 3 weeks after the emergency electrical work. Last, you billed the homeowner for approximately 19 hours of labor. All these facts show that the work was not merely emergency work, but rather that it was spread out over time where a permit could have been pulled.

Last, this forfeiture is appropriate because in communications with the homeowner you indicate that pulling a permit might cause the job to be more expensive because the work gets inspected and has to be done a certain way. (Text message from you on May 23, 2019 at 10:14 AM). All electrical work in Wisconsin is required to be code compliant. You should not be engaging in less labor to perform the work to sub-code standards.

For these reasons the forfeiture of \$400.00 is assessed in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 101.88.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin on April 12, 2020.

Aloysius Rohmeyer

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