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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

NOTICE OF REVOCATION

JEREMY ARRINGTON

ORDER 0008258

RESPONDENT.

Case # 21 COM 161

TO: Jeremy Arrington

Middleton, WI 53562

You are hereby notified that your dwelling contractor and dwelling contractor qualifier certificates (DC-082000802, DCQ-072000841) are hereby revoked.

The Department conducted an investigation into your credentials based on a complaint filed against you concerning a ponzi-like scheme whereby you and Joseph Nemeth took \$50,000 from an investor to flip a house in 2016, were supposed to back the loan with a mortgage and a promissory note, but purposefully did not file the mortgage with the title company and stole the funds.

The basis for this revocation comes in part from your involvement with WIHBN Realty LLC and the conviction entered against you in *USA v. Arrington* (2:21-cr-00163). The Department finds that revocation is appropriate for the following reasons:

Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.10(1)(a)5. Revocation for engaging in misconduct.

The Department's investigation found by a preponderance of evidence that you engaged in "misconduct" as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.003(43). The Department found that you engaged in financial misconduct by accepting \$50,000 from complainant, performing no work, and failing to reimburse any funds to complainant. This ponzi-like scheme is evidence of a lack of trustworthiness. For these reasons revocation is appropriate.

Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.10(1)(a)6. Revocation for being convicted for a crime substantially related to the certification.

¹ The Department will allow the transfer of your Dwelling Contractor Certificate (DC-082000802) to another individual as the business associated with the credential (Complete Restoration Services LLC) was not involved in the WIHBN scheme. If an individual wishes to take over the credential please have them contact DSPS's credential department to transfer ownership.

The Department's investigation found by a preponderance of evidence that your conviction in USA v. Arrington substantially relates to your certification. Your certifications present to the public that you are qualified to perform home construction and flipping homes for sale. In order to flip the homes you would have had to possess a dwelling contractor and dwelling contractor qualifier credential. There is a substantial nexus between your conduct that led to your conviction in Arrington and your certificates. Joseph Nemeth had the DC and DCQ credentials during the time of this scheme. For these reasons revocation is appropriate.

Based on the foregoing, the Department hereby revokes your credentials.

You have the right to request a hearing on the revocation by sending a request for hearing to the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Chief Legal Counsel, P.O. Box 7190, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7190, which must be received by the Department no later than 30 days from the date of mailing of this Notice. The request for a hearing on the revocation shall set out specifically and in full detail every reason why this order is unreasonable, and every issue to be considered by the department on the hearing. Anything not addressed in the request shall be deemed waived. Any hearing on the revocation will be held in accordance with the requirements set forth in Wis. Stat. ch. 227.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin on November 1 , 2022.

Al Rohmever

Chief Legal Counsel,

Department of Safety and Professional Services