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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR A	:	
PRIVATE DETECTIVE PERMIT	:	
	:	ORDER GRANTING
	:	LIMITED PERMIT
GEORGE SODE	:	
APPLICANT.	:	ORDER 0008670

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

George Sode
Hillside, IL 60162

Department of Safety and Professional Services
4822 Madison Yards Way
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 resolution of this application. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. George Sode (Applicant) applied for a Private Detective Permit issued by the Department (#784009).

2. Information reviewed in the application process establishes that Applicant has the following conviction record:

- A. On or about November 10, 2003, Criminal Trespass to Land, a misdemeanor.
- B. On or about November 21, 2005, Leave the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident, a misdemeanor.

3. Further information on file establishes the following:

- A. On or about October 14, 2021, Applicant submitted application #784009 for a Private Detective permit and answered "No" to question 4, which asks:

- i. "Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other violation of federal, state, or local law or do you have any felony, misdemeanor, or other violation of federal, state, or local law charges pending against you in this state or any other? This includes municipal ordinances resulting only in monetary fines or forfeitures and convictions resulting from a plea of no contest, a guilty plea, or verdict."

B. A subsequent review of your fingerprint report dated April 25, 2023 revealed the convictions outlined in 2. A. and B. above.

4. In resolution of this matter, Applicant consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) has jurisdiction over this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 440.26(6)(a)3., and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.26(6)(a)3., the Department may limit the license or permit of any person who has made a false statement in connection with any application for a license or permit under this section.

3. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 31.05(1)(a), the Department may deny an application for a Private Detective Permit if the applicant commits fraud or misrepresentation in the application for a credential.

4. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 31.05(1)(e), the Department may deny an application for a Private Detective Permit if the applicant's conduct is a ground for discipline of a credential holder under Wis. Admin Code § 35.01.

5. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § 35.01(17), the Department may limit a credential upon proof that the credential holder has engaged in conduct reflecting adversely on professional qualification. Conduct reflecting adversely on professional qualification includes providing false information in the application for a credential.

A. By your conduct outlined in 3. A.i. above, you provided false statements and information and misrepresentations in your application for a credential.

6. As a result of the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Applicant's Private Detective Permit application is subject to limitations, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 440.26(6)(a)3., and Wis. Admin. Code §§ SPS 31.05(1)(a), SPS 31.05(1)(e) and SPS 35.01(17).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Applicant's application for a Private Detective Permit is granted subject to the following limitations.
3. Applicant's ability to practice as a Private Detective is LIMITED for a period of at least two years from the date of this Order as follows:
 - A. Practice Limitations
 - i. Applicant shall provide a copy of this Order to his current and any future employer(s). Applicant shall provide the Department of Safety and Professional Services Monitor (Department Monitor) with written acknowledgement from each employer that a copy of this Order has been received. Such acknowledgement shall be provided to the Department Monitor within 14 days of beginning new employment and/or within 14 days of the date of this Order for employment current as of the date of this Order.
 - ii. Applicant shall commit no new violations of law and shall report all law enforcement contacts leading to arrest, charge or conviction, including DWI/OWI and municipal ordinance violations, to the Department Monitor within 48 hours of any such event, including any convictions resulting from pending charges.
 - B. Reporting Requirements
 - i. Applicant shall arrange for written reports from his private detective supervisor(s) to be provided to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, beginning 90 days from the date of this Order. These reports shall describe the circumstances of Applicant's employment, assess his work performance and verify that he is in compliance with the laws governing the practice of a private detective and the terms of this Order.
 - ii. Applicant is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Order. Applicant shall promptly notify the Department Monitor of any suspected violations of any of the terms and conditions of this Order by Applicant.
4. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Department as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order. Any requests, petitions, reports and other information required by this Order shall be mailed, e-mailed, or delivered to:

DEPARTMENT MONITOR
Division of Legal Services & Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone: (608) 267-3817
dspsmonitoring@wi.gov

Information may also be submitted online via the Department's Monitoring Case Management System at: <https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

5. Applicant may petition the Department to lift or revise the Limitations set forth above upon demonstration of continuous, successful practice in compliance with the terms of the Order for at least one year. "Practice in compliance" includes the submission of work reports, the content of which are satisfactory to the Department or its designee. Any such petition shall be accompanied by a written recommendation from Applicant's current employer. A denial of such a petition for modification shall not be deemed a denial of license under Wis. Stat. §§ 227.01(3), or 227.42, or Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 1, and shall not be subject to any right to further hearing or appeal.

6. Applicant shall be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with compliance with the terms of this Order.

7. If Applicant violates any term of this Order, Applicant's permit may, in the discretion of the Department or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Applicant has complied with the terms of the Order. The Department may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Department's Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

8. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 21 day of July, 2023.



Aloysius Rohmeyer, Chief Legal Counsel
On behalf of the Department of Safety
and Professional Services

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR A
PRIVATE DETECTIVE PERMIT

GEORGE SODE,
APPLICANT.

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008670


George Sode (Applicant) and the Department of Safety and Professional Services
(Department) stipulate as follows:

1. Applicant filed an application for a Private Detective Permit (#784009).
2. Information received by the Department reflects a basis for denial of Applicant's application.
3. Based upon the information of record, the Department agrees to issue, and Applicant agrees to accept, an Order granting a Private Detective Permit, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Order adopting the Stipulation.
4. Applicant understands that by signing this Stipulation, Applicant voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to request a hearing related to the denial of the application;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Applicant;
 - the right to call witnesses on Applicant's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Applicant'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 Applicant under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
5. Applicant is aware of Applicant's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
6. Applicant agrees to the adoption of the attached Order Granting Limited Permit by the Department. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Order Granting Limited Permit without further notice, pleading, appearance, or consent of the parties. Applicant waives all rights to any appeal of the Department's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

7. Applicant is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Order Granting Limited Permit is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.


George Sode, Applicant
Hillside, IL 60162
Application No. 784009

7/7/2023
Date


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07/21/2023

Date