BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of:

Case No. AL17-007

NATHANIEL B. STEVENS Alarm Agent No. 57304

Respondent;

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

This matter came before the Arizona Board of Technical Registration ("Board") on September 24, 2019. Nathaniel Stevens ("Respondent") was not present and was not represented by an attorney. Assistant Attorney General Deanie Reh appeared on behalf of the State. The Board received independent legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Marc Harris. After hearing evidence and arguments from the State, the Board issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of alarm agents, controlling persons, and alarm firms. ARS § 32-101, et seq.
- 2. Respondent, Nathaniel B. Stevens, holds Board-issued, delinquent Arizona Alarm Agent Registration No. 57304.
- 3. The Board granted Respondent alarm agent certification number 57304 on February 7, 2014.
- 4. On May 18, 2016, the Board received Respondent's application for the renewal of his alarm agent certificate. On the renewal application, Respondent answered 'no' to the following questions: "Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic offence?" and "Have you been convicted of a felony?"
- 5. Before granting the certificate renewal, Board staff conducted a public records search of Respondent and learned that the Goodyear Arizona Municipal Court had issued a "Failed to

Appear" arrest warrant for Respondent on or about January 15, 2016, which was related to a citation he had received for driving on a suspended/revoked/cancelled driver's license on December 8, 2015, which, upon conviction, is a Class I Misdemeanor pursuant to ARS §28-3473.

- 6. Board staff also learned during that public records search that the Phoenix Arizona Municipal Court issued a "Failed to Appear" arrest warrant for Respondent on or about April 4, 2016, which was related to a citation he had received for driving on a suspended/revoked/cancelled driver's license on September 11, 2015, which, upon conviction, is a Class 1 Misdemeanor pursuant to ARS § 28-3473.
- 7. Board staff also learned during the public records search that on March 23, 2011, Respondent had been "convicted by plea" in Hamilton County, Ohio, for the criminal charge of Possession of Drugs (the "Ohio Charge"), although it wasn't clear from the record whether the conviction was for a misdemeanor or felony. Under Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2925.11, it appears that the charge of possession of drugs may be either a felony or misdemeanor, depending on the amount of drugs possessed.
- 8. Board staff opened this complaint in October 2016, and sent Respondent notice of it, along with a request for him to provide to the Board by November 5, 2016, the underlying court records and documents related to these public record searches to conclusively determine the nature and disposition of the referenced charges. Respondent failed to respond to the Board's requests.
- 9. To date, it is unknown whether Respondent answered the charges of "Failure to Appear" or the citation for driving on a suspended/revoked/cancelled license in Goodyear and Phoenix, Arizona. It is also unknown why Respondent neglected to disclose his conviction for possession of drugs.

 10. In view of the fact that the Ohio Charge was either a misdemeanor or a felony, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to A.R.S. §32-128(C)(1) for committing fraud or misrepresentation in attempting to obtain the renewal of his alarm agent certificate when he answered 'no' to either the question regarding whether he had been convicted of a felony or the question whether he had been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation.

- 11. In addition, the conduct alleged above constitutes ground for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4), in that Respondent violated board rule A.A.C. R4-30-101(12), subsections (c), (e) and (h), and demonstrated his lack of good moral character and repute, which is required to maintain his alarm agent certificate, when he dishonestly answered 'no' to one or both of the conviction questions.
- 12. Finally, the conduct alleged above constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4), in that Respondent violated board rule A.A.C. R4-30-101(16) when he refused to respond fully to the Board's inquiry related to his criminal history.

ORDER

Based on the Board's adoption of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following Order:

REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION. As of the effective date of this Order,
 Respondent's Arizona Registered Alarm Agent Certification No. 57304 shall be revoked.

Right to Petition for Rehearing or Review

Respondent and Respondent Firm are notified that they have the right to file a motion for rehearing or review of this Order. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(B) and A.A.C. R4-30-126(A), the motion for rehearing or review must be filed with the Board's Executive Director within 30 days after service of this Order. Service of this Order is defined as five calendar days after mailing.

The motion for rehearing or review must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a rehearing or review. A.A.C. R4-30-126(C). If a petition for rehearing or review is not filed, the Board's Order becomes effective thirty-five (35) days after it is mailed to Respondent and

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Respondent Firm. Respondent and Respondent Firm are further advised that the filing of a 1 motion for rehearing or review is required to preserve any rights of appeal to Superior Court. 2 3 DATED this 300 day of OCTOBER 4 Arizona State Board of 5 Technical Registration 6 7 8 ason Foose, Chairman 9 10 3 day of Octo , 2019, with: ORIGINAL filed this 11 Arizona State Board of Technical Registration 12 1110 W. Washington, Ste. 240 Phoenix, AZ 85007 13 14 COPY mailed via Certified Mail First Class mail this _____ day of __October_, 2019, to: 15 16 Nathaniel Stevens 17 6964 W. Hubbel St. Phoenix, AZ 85035 18 Nathaniel Stevens 19 1018 S, 96 Pl. 20 Mesa, AZ 85208 Respondent 21 22 COPY of the foregoing mailed this 3 day of October, 2019, to: 23 Deanie Reh Deanie.Reh@azag.gov 24 COPY of the foregoing mailed this 3 day of October, 2019, to: 25 Marc Harris 26 marc.harris@azag.gov 27

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