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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF MASTER PLUMBERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE OF **JAMES W. HOOKER** **License # 36BI00615400** TO PRACTICE PLUMBING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action **INTERIM CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

The New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers ("the Board") received information that James W. Hooker ("respondent"), was arrested on October 10, 2013 and charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child by knowingly storing or maintaining items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child using a file-sharing program which is designated as available for searching by or copying to one or more computers (N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(a)(iii)), a 2nd degree offense, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child by knowingly possessing a photograph, film, videotape, computer program or file depicting a child engaging in a prohibited sexual act (N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(b)), a 3rd degree offense.

The parties have agreed to an interim order of voluntary surrender of respondent's master plumber's license to engage in the practice of plumbing in the State of New Jersey pending resolution of the criminal charges and further order of the Board. This order is entered without prejudice to respondent's ability to defend himself.

Respondent making no admissions, and the Board specifically reserving its right to take action against respondent based on the conduct underlying his arrest and other information available to it; and the Board finding the terms of this consent order to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare;

IT IS, therefore, on this 7th day of November, 2013,

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent, James W. Hooker, shall immediately surrender his license to engage in the practice of plumbing in the State of New Jersey until resolution of the criminal charges, and further order of the Board.

2. Respondent, James W. Hooker, shall immediately surrender his Board issued pressure seal until resolution of the criminal charges, and further order of the Board.

3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of plumbing in any capacity including, but not limited to, performing such services as an employee of a plumbing contractor or as an employee of a public entity, until resolution of the criminal charges, and further order of the Board.

4. Prior to any consideration of an application for a restoration of his license, respondent shall:

a. Appear before the Board to discuss his readiness to reenter the practice of plumbing. At that time respondent shall be prepared to propose his plans for future practice in New Jersey.

b. Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he is physically and psychologically fit and that he is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare.

c. Provide the Board with reports from each and every mental health professional (including but not limited to: psychologists, counselors, therapists, psychiatrists) who have participated in respondent's care and/or treatment or provided an evaluation of respondent concerning this matter.

d. Affirmatively establish his fitness, competence and capacity to re-enter the active practice of plumbing within New Jersey, including an accounting of all continuing education courses completed while his licenses were surrendered and during the biennial licensing period prior to the surrender of license.

e. Provide the Board with a full account of his employment during the intervening period of time from the entry of this Order to the time of his appearance before the Board pursuant to this Order.

4. The Board may require respondent to submit to an independent psychiatric evaluation as a condition prior to an application to return to practice. Following review of all relevant documents submitted, the Board, in its sole discretion, will determine whether and under what conditions respondent may return to practice.

5. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Order is without prejudice to further action by this Board or other agencies or law enforcement entities regarding respondent's conduct or the outcome of any criminal proceeding.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF MASTER PLUMBERS

By: Peter I. Voros 11-7-13
Peter I. Voros
Chairman

I have read and I understand the terms of this order and agree to be bound by it. I consent to the entry of this order.

James W. Hooker

James W. Hooker

11-6-2013
Date

I consent to the entry of this order as to form.

Mark W. Catanzaro, Esq.

Date