

renewal application to the question relating to "being arrested, charged, or convicted of any crime or offense since the last renewal." Specifically, respondent was convicted in Stratford, New Jersey municipal court on January 28, 2011 for refusing to submit to a breathalyzer examination in violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.2. Additionally, a review of respondent's driver's abstract reveals that respondent was previously convicted of driving under the influence in Burlington County New Jersey Court on July 18, 2003 and his driver's license was suspended for two years.

3. On April 26, 2012, respondent appeared at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board. In addition to the 2003 and 2011 convictions, respondent also acknowledged a 1990 driving under the influence conviction in Medford Township, New Jersey. Therefore, respondent's 2011 conviction was his third conviction related to driving under the influence (the last for refusing a breathalyzer) and the last conviction resulted in respondent losing his driving privileges for ten years.

4. In support of his application for renewal, respondent claimed almost two years of sobriety following his acknowledged conviction and issues with alcohol abuse. Respondent testified he has been in Alcoholics Anonymous for two years. He attends meetings at least once every week and has a sponsor.

5. Subsequent to his appearance, respondent contacted the

Board and indicated he wished to withdraw his request for renewal and instead surrender his plumbing license. Respondent cited ongoing health and financial issues which prevented him from engaging in the practice of plumbing. As a result, the Board forwarded a proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Licensure to respondent. The proposed consent order was sent to respondent's address of record and was received by respondent. However, to date, respondent has failed to respond to the Board's proposed order.

6. Respondent's failure to submit his biennial renewal in 2013, resulting in a lapsed license status, provides grounds to automatically suspend respondent's license to engage in the plumbing business, in the State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b), without notice to respondent being required.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 19 day of December, 2013,
ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to engage in plumbing as a licensed master plumber, in the State of New Jersey, shall be and hereby is suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, without a hearing.

2. Prior to the Board considering any renewed petition for reinstatement of respondent's license to practice as a licensed master plumber, respondent shall be required to appear before the Board to demonstrate fitness to resume practice. Further, respondent shall satisfy any requirements for reinstatement of

licensees with lapsed licenses pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b). Any practice in this State prior to said appearance shall constitute grounds for the charge of unlicensed practice. The Board reserves the right to place restrictions on respondent's practice should his license be reinstated.

3. Respondent shall immediately surrender his Board issued pressure seal until further order of the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF MASTER PLUMBERS

By: _____

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