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BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Private Detective) PDG 2013-3-L
License of)
RICHARD J. TAFFET,) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO
Respondent.) FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY
ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER;
EXHIBIT "1"

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION
FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER

Petitioner, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS'
REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE (hereinafter "RICO" or "Petitioner"),
through its undersigned attorney, and Respondent RICHARD J. TAFFET (hereinafter
"Respondent"), enter into this Settlement Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth
below.

A. UNCONTESTED FACTS:

1. At all relevant times herein, Respondent was licensed by the Board of Private
Detectives and Guards (hereinafter the "Board") as a private detective under license number PD

836. The license was issued on or about July 19, 2005. The license will expire or forfeit on or about June 30, 2014.

2. Respondent's mailing address for purposes of this action is 1282 Gasparilla Drive, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702.

3. Respondent provided information on his 2012 restoration form that he had been disciplined in Delaware for failing to maintain a physical office in the state. Attached as Exhibit "1" are true and correct copies of letters to the Respondent revoking his license in Delaware as of July 26, 2010.

4. RICO alleges that Respondent failed to report a disciplinary decision to the Board within thirty days as required by HRS § 436B-19(15).

5. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and over the parties hereto.

B. REPRESENTATIONS BY RESPONDENT:

1. Respondent is fully aware that Respondent has the right to be represented by an attorney and voluntarily waives that right.

2. Respondent enters into this Settlement Agreement freely, knowingly, voluntarily, and under no coercion or duress.

3. Respondent is aware of the right to have a hearing to adjudicate the issues in the case. Pursuant to HRS § 91-9(d), Respondent freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives the right to a hearing and agrees to dispose of this case in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

4. Respondent being at all times relevant herein licensed by the Board acknowledges that Respondent is subject to penalties including but not limited to, revocation, suspension or limitation of the license and administrative fines, if the foregoing allegations are proven at hearing.

5. Respondent does not admit to violating any law or rule, but acknowledges that RICO has sufficient cause to file a Petition for Disciplinary Action against Respondent's license.

6. Respondent enters into this Settlement Agreement as a compromise of the claims and to conserve on the expenses of proceeding with an administrative hearing on this matter.

7. Respondent agrees that this Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve the issues raised in RICO's investigation in RICO No. PDG 2013-3-L.

8. Respondent understands this Settlement Agreement is public record pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 92F.

C. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT:

1. Administrative fine. Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$250.00). Payment shall be made by **cashier's check or money order made payable to "DCCA - Compliance Resolution Fund"** and mailed to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, Attn: Bobbi W.Y. Lum-Mew, Esq., 235 S. Beretania Street, 9th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Payment of the fine shall be due at the time that this Settlement Agreement is executed and submitted by the Respondent.

2. Possible further sanction. The Board, at its discretion, may pursue additional disciplinary action as provided by law to include further fines and other sanctions as the Board may deem appropriate if Respondent violates any provision of the statutes or rules governing the

conduct of a private detective in the State of Hawaii, or if Respondent fails to abide by the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

3. Approval of the Board. Respondent agrees that, except for the representations, agreements and covenants contained in Paragraphs C.4, C.5, C.6 and C.7 below, this Settlement Agreement shall not be binding on any of the parties unless and until it is approved by the Board.

4. No Objection if Board Fails to Approve. If the Board does not approve this Settlement Agreement, does not issue an order pursuant thereto, or does not approve a lesser remedy, but instead an administrative hearing is conducted against Respondent in the Board's usual and customary fashion pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, Respondent agrees that neither Respondent nor any attorney that Respondent may retain, will raise as an objection in any administrative proceeding or in any judicial action, to the Board's proceeding against Respondent on the basis that the Board has become disqualified to consider the case because of its review and consideration of this Settlement Agreement.

5. Any Ambiguities Shall be Construed to Protect the Consuming Public. It is agreed that any ambiguity in this Settlement Agreement is to be read in the manner that most completely protects the interests of the consuming public.

6. No Reliance on Representations by RICO. Other than the matters specifically stated in this Settlement Agreement, neither RICO nor anyone acting on its behalf has made any representation of fact, opinion or promise to Respondent to induce entry into this Settlement Agreement, and Respondent is not relying upon any statement, representation or opinion or promise made by RICO or any of its agents, employees, representatives or attorneys concerning

the nature, extent or duration of exposure to legal liability arising from the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement or concerning any other matter.

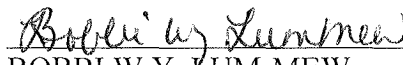
7. Complete Agreement. This Settlement Agreement is a complete settlement of the rights, responsibilities and liabilities of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof; contains the entire agreement of the parties; and may only be modified, changed or amended by written instrument duly executed by all parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Settlement Agreement on the date(s) set forth below.

DATED: St. Petersburg, Florida, July 1st 2013.


RICHARD J. TAFNET
Respondent

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, JUL 08 2013.


BOBBI W.Y. LUM-MEW
Attorney for Department of
Commerce and Consumer Affairs

IN THE MATTER OF THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE OF RICHARD J. TAFFET;
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY
ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER; CASE NO. PDG 2013-3-L.


APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:
BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS
STATE OF HAWAII



DOUGLAS H. INOUE
Chairperson

August 15, 2013

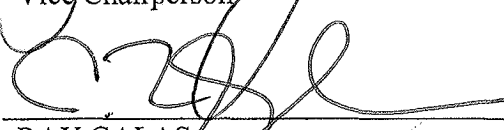
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Vice Chairperson



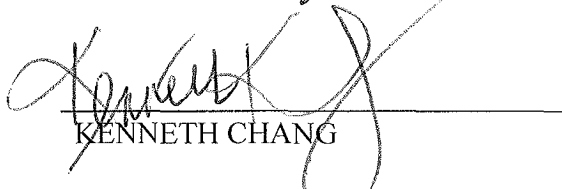
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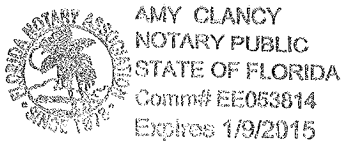
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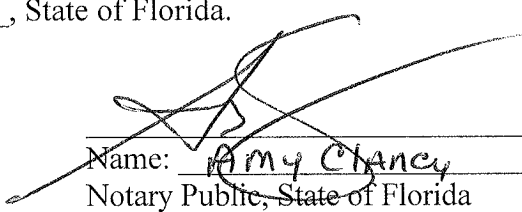
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Pinellas

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On this 1st day of July, 2013, before me personally appeared Richard J. Taffet, to me known to be the person described and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same as his free act and deed.

This 7-page SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER document dated July 1st, 2013 was acknowledged before me by Richard J. Taffet this 1st day of July, 2013, in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida.




Name: Amy Clancy
Notary Public, State of Florida

My Commission expires: 1-9-2015



STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
P.O. BOX 430
DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

June 24, 2010

Mr. Richard J. Taffet
First Advantage Investigative Services
100 Carillon Parkway
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Dear Mr. Taffet:

On April 22, 2010, the Board of Examiners of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies held their quarterly meeting. At that time your Class A License #01-83-A status was discussed and the vote was unanimous to send notice to your agency of their intent to suspend with the intent to revoke your License for failure to comply with Delaware Code Title 24 Chapter 13 Section 1341, by mail being returned from the Delaware address, no one knows this agency at the Delaware phone number, and the bonds and liability have expired. Effective immediately you must cease and desist all private investigative services in the State of Delaware until such time that your license may be re-instated.

If you wish to have a hearing before the Board of Examiners regarding this matter you must request such hearing, in writing, to the Detective Licensing Section within thirty days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me at (302) 672-5304 or Privacy Information us.

Sincerely,

Peggy L. Anderson
Licensing Specialist
Detective Licensing

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EXHIBIT



STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
P.O. BOX 430
DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

July 26, 2010

Mr. Richard J. Taffet
First Advantage Investigative Services
100 Carillon Parkway
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Dear Mr. Taffet:

Subject: Notice of Intent to Suspend or Revoke License

On July 22, 2010, the Board of Examiners of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies held their quarterly meeting. At that time you were give a chance to present your case regarding the Intent to Suspend or Revoke your Class A License #01-83-A.

After Board discussed this issue they voted unanimously to revoke your License for failure to comply with Delaware Code Title 24 Chapter 13 Section 1327 & 1341. Effective immediately, your agency may not operate in the State of Delaware. You must re-apply if you wish to be licensed in Delaware.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me at (302) 672-5304 Privacy Information

Sincerely,

Peggy L. Anderson
Licensing Specialist
Detective Licensing

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cc:

Captain Jason H. Sapp, Director, State Bureau of Identification
Lieutenant William D/ Crotty, Licensing Administrator, Detective Licensing