

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD**

In the Matter of  
Ryan Bruhn, EMT-B  
Certificate Number: 524357

**FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS,  
AND FINAL ORDER**

On July 20, 2009, the Complaint Review Panel (“Panel”) of the Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (“Board”) initiated the above-entitled proceeding against Ryan Bruhn, EMT-B (“Respondent”), by service of a Notice of Petition and Petition to Suspend Certification.

The matter came on for consideration by the Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.28, subdivision 5(b), on August 20, 2009, convened in Conference Room A (fourth floor), University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414.

The following Board members were present: James Rieber, Chair; Lisa Consie; Bonnie L. Engen; Kathleen Haney; Robert Jensen; Michael Jordan; Matthew Simpson; Marlys Tanner; and Mari Thomas, M.D. Karen B. Andrews, Assistant Attorney General, appeared and presented oral argument on behalf of the Panel. Respondent did not appear at the meeting. Nathan W. Hart, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal advisor to the Board. As members of the Panel, Dawn Bidwell, Brenda Brown, Paula Fink Kochen, and Kevin Miller did not participate in deliberations or vote in the matter. Senator Gary Kubly was present for deliberations but, as a nonvoting member, did not cast a vote.

Based on the record and the proceedings herein, the Board makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent was the subject of an October 31, 2007, criminal complaint for disorderly conduct after he “flipped off” another customer in a fast food drive-through, pointed

his hand in the shape of an “L” like a gun at the customer, and backed his car toward the customer’s vehicle in an aggressive manner. On November 27, 2007, Respondent pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

2. On October 12, 2008, Respondent was arrested for domestic assault after he choked and head-butted his wife. Respondent also threatened to kill their two-month-old child.

3. On December 19, 2008, Respondent pleaded guilty to misdemeanor domestic assault for committing an act with the intent of causing fear of immediate bodily harm or death. Respondent was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail, with 86 days stayed for one year and credit for four days already served, and was placed on supervised probation for one year. The terms of probation required that Respondent: (1) obtain a chemical dependency evaluation, (2) enroll in outpatient chemical dependency treatment by February 5, 2009, (3) complete an anger management counseling program for men, (4) follow all recommendations of the recommended programs, and (5) abstain from the use and possession of alcohol and controlled substances.

4. On March 30, 2009, Respondent appeared before the Panel to discuss allegations contained in a Notice of Conference dated March 10, 2009. At the conference, Respondent admitted he had choked and head-butted his wife and threatened to kill their child. Respondent told the Panel he is on probation until January 29, 2010. Respondent denied other instances of violence and indicated this was “an isolated incident.” Respondent stated he and his wife had reconciled and were working on their marriage.

5. On March 31, 2009, Respondent’s EMT-B certification expired.

6. On April 4, 2009, five days after the conference with the Panel, Respondent was arrested again after he slapped his wife on the back of the head, slammed her head in a van door, and called her derogatory names in front of their child. According to the criminal complaint, Respondent’s wife told police she and Respondent ended their relationship in early March.

Respondent was charged with one count of gross misdemeanor domestic assault. He is scheduled for a jury trial in Waseca County on September 2, 2009.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board makes the following:

### CONCLUSIONS

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 144E.28 and 144E.30.

2. Respondent was given timely and proper notice of the August 20, 2009, hearing before the Board and of his right under Minnesota Statutes section 144E.28, subdivision 5(b), to request a contested case hearing to be conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes chapter 14.

3. The Panel has complied with all relevant substantive and procedural requirements of statute and rule.

4. The Panel has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that Respondent has violated Minnesota Statutes section 144E.28, subdivision 5(a)(1), 5(a)(4), and 5(a)(5).

5. As a result of the violations set forth above and Respondent's failure to request a contested case hearing within 30 days of receipt of notice of his right to do so or at any time, the Board has the authority without further proceedings to take disciplinary action against Respondent's EMT-B certification. *See* Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subs. 4 and 5.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions, the Board issues the following:

### ORDER

1. Respondent's EMT-B certificate is **SUSPENDED**, effective immediately. Respondent shall not engage in any act in Minnesota which constitutes practice as an EMT-B, as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 144E.001, at any time subsequent to the date of this Order.

Likewise, Respondent may not, in any manner, represent or hold himself out as being authorized to practice subsequent to the date of this Order.

2. Not later than 10 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall surrender and cause the Board to receive his current EMT-B certificate card.

3. Respondent may apply to the Board for reinstatement of his certification as an EMT-B not earlier than 12 months from the date of this Order. Any such application must be accompanied by evidence of compliance with all recommendations of Respondent's psychiatrist and compliance with all applicable continuing education or training requirements under Minnesota Statutes section 144E.28, subdivisions 7 and 8.

4. Respondent shall appear before the Panel to review any application for reinstatement submitted under paragraph 3, above. Respondent must demonstrate that he is able to provide emergency medical services in a fit and competent manner without risk of harm to the public. The Board reserves the right to approve an application for reinstatement only upon the imposition of conditions and limitations which the Board deems necessary to ensure public protection.

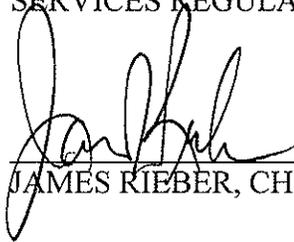
5. This Order is a public document.

The foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order constitute the Decision of the Board in this matter.

Dated: 8/31, 2009

MINNESOTA EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
JAMES RIEBER, CHAIR

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

**Re: In the Matter of Ryan Bruhn, EMT-B  
Certificate No. 524357**

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

TAMMIE L. REEVES, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, on September 1, 2009, s/he caused to be served the FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND FINAL ORDER, by hand-delivering and/or depositing the same in the United States mail at said city and state, true and correct copy(ies) thereof, properly enveloped with prepaid first-class postage, and addressed to:

(VIA U.S. MAIL)

RYAN BRUHN EMT-B  
PO BOX 31  
NEW RICHLAND MN 56072

(HAND-DELIVERED)

KAREN B ANDREWS  
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ST PAUL MN 55101-2131

*Tammie L. Reeves*

TAMMIE L. REEVES

Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
September 1, 2009.

*Dawn Christensen*

NOTARY PUBLIC

AG: #2501987-v1





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September 1, 2009

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**Re: In the Matter of Ryan Bruhn, EMT-B  
Certificate No. 524357**

Dear Mr. Bruhn and Ms. Andrews:

On behalf of the Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, enclosed and served upon you is a copy of the fully executed Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Final Order in the above matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan W. Hart" followed by a stylized flourish.

NATHAN W. HART  
Assistant Attorney General

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(651) 297-2576 (Fax)

Enclosure

cc: **Talia Landucci**  
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

AG: #2496313-v1



**REGISTER OF ACTIONS**  
CASE No. 81-CR-09-450

State of Minnesota vs Ryan John Bruhn

§ 609.224.1

Case Type: **Crim/Traf Mandatory**  
Date Filed: **04/06/2009**  
Location: **Waseca**

**PARTY INFORMATION**

<p><b>Defendant</b>    <b>Bruhn, Ryan John</b> New Richland, MN 56072</p> <p><b>Jurisdiction</b>    <b>State of Minnesota</b></p>	<p>Male 09/28/1975</p>	<p><b>Lead Attorneys</b> HANKS, CAROL MAUREEN <i>Retained</i></p> <p>ANDROLI, RACHEL VERNY</p>
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**CHARGE INFORMATION**

<b>Charges:</b> Bruhn, Ryan John	<b>Statute</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Date</b>
1. Assault-5th Degree-Misdemeanor	609.224.1	Misdemeanor	04/04/2009

**EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT**

<p>08/28/2009</p> <p>08/28/2009</p> <p>08/28/2009</p>	<p><b>DISPOSITIONS</b></p> <p><b>Plea</b> (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M.) 1. Assault-5th Degree-Misdemeanor Guilty</p> <p><b>Disposition</b> (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M.) 1. Assault-5th Degree-Misdemeanor Convicted</p> <p><b>Sentenced</b> (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M.) 1. Assault-5th Degree-Misdemeanor 04/04/2009 (MSD) 609.224.1 (6092241)</p> <p>Condition - Adult:                      1. Contact with probation, 08/28/2009, Active 08/28/2009                      2. No assault, no threatening behavior 08/28/2009, Active 08/28/2009                      3. No alcohol/controlled substance use, 08/28/2009, Active 08/28/2009                      4. No possession of alcohol or drugs, 08/28/2009, Active 08/28/2009                      5. Notify Agent if arrested and/or issued a summons, 08/28/2009, Active 08/28/2009                      6. Random testing, 08/28/2009, Active 08/28/2009                      7. Remain law-abiding, 08/28/2009, Active 08/28/2009</p> <p>Fee Totals:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Due</td> <td>10/28/2009</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fine \$</td> <td>100.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Imposed Fine \$</td> <td>100.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Victim Assist- Municipality 2/3</td> <td>\$180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fee Totals \$</td> <td>\$180.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Local Confinement:                      Agency: Waseca County Jail                      Term: 90 Days                      Time To Serve: None                      Stay 90 Days For 1 Yr                      Status: Active 08/28/2009</p> <p>Probation - Adult:                      Type: Supervised probation                      Agency: Waseca County Probation                      Term of 1 Yr                      08/28/2009 - 08/28/2010                      Status: Active 08/28/2009</p>	Due	10/28/2009		Fine \$	100.00		Imposed Fine \$	100.00		Victim Assist- Municipality 2/3	\$180.00	Fee Totals \$	\$180.00
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Service - Adult:  
 Type: Sentence to service  
 15 Days For Indeterminate  
 Start: 08/28/2009 Due: 02/28/2010  
 Status: Active 08/28/2009  
 Level of Sentence:  
 Convicted of a Misdemeanor

**OTHER EVENTS AND HEARINGS**

04/06/2009 **Complaint-Order for Detention** (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M. )  
 04/06/2009 **Bail Hearing (10:45 AM)** (Judicial Officer Collins, Larry M.)  
 Result: Held  
 04/06/2009 **Application for Public Defender** (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M. )  
 04/06/2009 **Order Granting Public Defender** (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M. )  
 04/06/2009 **Order for Release** (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M. )  
 04/06/2009 **Interim Condition for Bruhn, Ryan John**  
 - Do not enter victim's residence  
 - Pay bail  
 - Keep court/attorney informed of current address  
 - No assault  
 - No contact with victim(s)  
 - Released on own recognizance  
 - Remain law-abiding  
 - Make all future court appearances  
 04/06/2009 **Correspondence**  
 04/14/2009 **Demand/Request for Discovery**  
 04/14/2009 **Notice of Evidence and Identification Procedures**  
 04/14/2009 **Correspondence**  
 04/14/2009 **Certificate of Representation**  
 04/20/2009 **Other Document**  
 04/21/2009 **CANCELED Initial Appearance - Rule 8 (11:00 AM)** (Judicial Officer Collins, Larry M.)  
*Waived*  
 04/30/2009 **Correspondence**  
 05/05/2009 **Correspondence**  
 05/28/2009 **Pre-trial (1:00 PM)** (Judicial Officer Collins, Larry M.)  
*06/02/2009 Reset by Court to 05/28/2009*  
 Result: Held  
 05/28/2009 **Order for Release** (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M. )  
 05/28/2009 **Interim Condition for Bruhn, Ryan John**  
 - Do not enter victim's residence  
 - Pay bail  
 - Conditions, other  
 - Keep court/attorney informed of current address  
 - No assault  
 - Released on own recognizance  
 - Remain law-abiding  
 - Make all future court appearances  
 05/29/2009 **Witness List**  
 06/04/2009 **Request for Subpoena**  
 08/14/2009 **Witness List**  
 08/14/2009 **Exhibit List**  
 08/19/2009 **Subpoena with Service**  
 08/28/2009 **Sentencing (2:15 PM)** (Judicial Officer Collins, Larry M.)  
 Result: Held  
 08/28/2009 **Petition to Enter Guilty Plea** (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M. )  
 08/28/2009 **Sentencing Order** (Judicial Officer: Collins, Larry M. )  
 09/02/2009 **CANCELED Jury Trial (8:30 AM)** (Judicial Officer Collins, Larry M.)  
*Settled*

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

	<b>Defendant Bruhn, Ryan John</b>	
	Total Financial Assessment	180.00
	Total Payments and Credits	0.00
	<b>Balance Due as of 09/08/2009</b>	<b>180.00</b>
08/31/2009	Transaction Assessment	180.00