

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

In the Matter of
Robert R. Lien, Paramedic
Certification No. 965527

**STIPULATION TO CEASE
PRACTICING EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES**

1. The Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board ("Board") received information relating to alleged activities which could affect the certification of Robert R. Lien, Paramedic ("Respondent"), to practice emergency medical services.

2. In December 2015, Respondent reportedly diverted narcotics from his place of employment for a period of six weeks.

3. Through this Stipulation, Respondent is further notified that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. The Complaint Review Panel Chair is represented by Gregory J. Schaefer, Assistant Attorney General.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Respondent and the Board that:

4. The Board is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 144E.001 to 144E.52 to certify and regulate paramedics and to take disciplinary action as appropriate.

5. Respondent holds a certification to provide emergency medical services and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

6. Respondent shall cease and desist from practicing emergency medical services in any manner in the State of Minnesota and shall neither offer nor provide any emergency medical services within the State until such time as the Board has completed a review of and fully resolved any allegations pending against him.

7. Respondent may be asked to meet with a Complaint Review Panel of the Board to review the pending allegations and Respondent's ability to provide emergency medical services with reasonable skill and safety.

8. Respondent's noncompliance and violation of this Stipulation shall be considered a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 144E.28 and constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

9. Respondent agrees that should he violate the terms of this Stipulation, the following actions may be taken:

a. The Board may, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules 1400.5100 to 1400.8400, refer any alleged violation to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

b. Respondent agrees that in a contested case about an alleged violation of this Stipulation, the administrative law judge may only be able to consider whether this Stipulation was violated and whether there was sufficient or reasonable cause to excuse such violation. If the administrative law judge finds that there has been a violation and there is not sufficient or reasonable cause to excuse the violation, he or she may make a recommendation that is appropriate for the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent's certification to practice emergency medical services.

c. Respondent agrees that, in the event the Board receives findings of the administrative law judge that there has been a violation of this Stipulation, the Board may order disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of Respondent's certification to practice emergency medical services or such lesser action or remedy as the Board deems appropriate.

d. Upon application of the Board, any appropriate court may enter a decree enforcing the terms of this Stipulation and prohibiting Respondent's practice of emergency medical services until and unless the conditions of this Stipulation are fulfilled.

10. This Stipulation is not a disciplinary action; however, it shall be classified as public data for purposes of Minnesota Statutes sections 13.02, subdivision 15, and 13.41, subdivision 5. Data regarding this action will be provided to data banks as required by federal law or consistent with Board policy.

11. Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Stipulation, understands the terms and conditions as set forth herein, and freely and voluntarily signs this Stipulation.

12. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the Board and Respondent, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies this Stipulation.

MINNESOTA EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD


ROBERT R. LIEN, PARAMEDIC
Respondent

Date: 1/27/16


ANTHONY SPECTOR
Executive Director

Date: 1-27-2016