

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD**

In the Matter of  
Tara K. Lindquist, EMT  
Certificate No. 517401

**STIPULATION TO CEASE  
PROVIDING EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

1. The Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (“Board”) received information relating to alleged activities which could affect the certificate of Tara K. Lindquist, Emergency Medical Technician (“EMT”) (“Respondent”), to provide emergency medical services.

2. Respondent was criminally charged with misdemeanor theft, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 609.52, subdivision 2(a)(1). On or about June 23, 2015, Respondent was a member of a Minnesota Fire and Rescue Squad that responded to the scene of an automobile accident in Otter Tail County. Respondent admitted to law enforcement that she took approximately \$120 from the billfold of one of the accident victims.

3. Through this Stipulation, Respondent is further notified that she may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. The Complaint Review Panel 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 EMTs and to take disciplinary action as appropriate.

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

6. Respondent shall cease and desist from providing emergency medical services in any manner in the State of Minnesota and shall neither offer nor provide any emergency medical services within the state while this matter is being reviewed by the Complaint Review Panel and until this Stipulation is rescinded or modified.

7. The Board shall not initiate any disciplinary action against Respondent while criminal charges are pending as long as she complies with the agreements in this Stipulation and until such time as there is a final resolution with respect to the allegations or the Board's Complaint Review Panel proceeds with a disciplinary conference with Respondent.

8. The Board may resume its investigation and disciplinary process. Respondent may be asked to meet with a Complaint Review Panel of the Board to review the pending allegations and any information obtained subsequently relative to Respondent's ability to provide emergency medical services with reasonable skill and safety.

9. 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.

10. Respondent agrees that should she 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 certificate.

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 certificate to provide 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 providing emergency medical services until and unless the conditions of this Stipulation are fulfilled.

11. 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.

12. Having been duly advised of her right to counsel, Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Stipulation, understands the terms and conditions as set forth herein, and freely and voluntarily signs this Stipulation.

13. 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

  
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TARA K. LINDQUIST, EMT  
Respondent

Date: 10-5, 2015

  
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ANTHONY SPECTOR  
Executive Director

Date: October 9, 2015