

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT
PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Edward Romero

Case No. PI-15-54-APP

Applicant

Respondent.

DEFAULT ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the Private Investigations Advisory Board ("Board"), under the directive of the Superintendent of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department ("Department"), after evidence presented to the Board raised concerns regarding the qualification (for licensure/to be examined for licensure) of Edward Romero ("Respondent"); such evidence served as the basis for a Notice of Contemplated Action issued to Respondent by the Board.

FINDINGS

1. Respondent applied to obtain a security guard I registration pursuant to the Private Investigations Act (Article 27B of Chapter 61, NMSA 1978).
2. The Board issued a Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) to Respondent, *attached*, stating that the Board contemplated taking an action against Respondent that would result in the denial of the Respondent's application.
3. The NCA advised the Respondent of the right to request a hearing by certified mail, return receipt requested, in a letter directed to the Board and mailed within 20 days after the service of the NCA.

4. The NCA was served via certified mail, return receipt requested, directed to the Respondent's last known address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing: 437 Kentucky St. SE Apt B-2, Albuquerque, NM 87106.
5. The date borne by the return receipt reflects the delivery or the last attempted delivery or refusal by the addressee to accept delivery of the NCA on 12/6/2016(attached).
6. Respondent's request for hearing was not received: the NCA was returned undelivered, as the Respondent failed to immediately notify the Department in writing of the change to his/her mailing address, as required by 16.48.1.14E NMAC.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to the Uniform Licensing Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 61-1-1 through 61-1-34) and the Private Investigations Act (Chapter 61, Article 27B NMSA 1978), the Department has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's application.
2. In accordance with Section 5 of the Uniform Licensing Act, Respondent is deemed to have been served with the Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) on the date borne by the return receipt, showing delivery or last attempted delivery or refusal of the addressee to accept delivery of the notice on 12/6/2016.
3. Respondent failed to timely request a hearing in the manner required by the Uniform Licensing Act, therefore, the Department "may take the action contemplated in the notice and such action shall be final and not subject to judicial review". See Section 4E of the Uniform Licensing Act.

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Department takes the following default action:

FINAL ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED ...

That, by default, Respondent's application for licensure is hereby denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**NEW MEXICO REGULATION
& LICENSING DEPARTMENT**

Date: 3/26/19

By: 

**MARGUERITE SALAZAR,
SUPERINTENDENT
REGULATION & LICENSING
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Re: New Mexico Private Investigations Advisory Board
Complaint # PI-15-54-APP
Complainant – Application/PI Board

Dear Edward Romero:

On 7/31/2015 the Board of Private Investigations ("Board") voted to take disciplinary action against you in the matter of the complaint referenced above. Enclosed please find a Notice of Contemplated Action ("NCA") from the Attorney General's Office on behalf of the Board. The NCA explains the penalties the Board will impose on you or your license. *If you do not request a hearing within twenty (20) days, the Board may take this contemplated action by default.*

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If you want to discuss the allegations in the NCA, please contact the Board's Prosecuting Attorney, named in the NCA.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF CONTEMPLATED ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department (Department) has sufficient evidence which, if not rebutted or satisfactorily explained at a formal hearing, will justify a determination by the Department to deny your application for Level One Security Guard Registration.

APPLICABLE LAW

The Department has the authority to enforce and administer the Private Investigations Act (the Act), and to adopt rules for registering security guards. NMSA 1978, § 61-27B-5. The Private Investigations Advisory Board (the Board) is authorized to "assist the department...as requested by the superintendent of the department or as provided by the rules of the department." NMSA 1978, Section 61-27B-6.

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Based on these felony convictions and your indication in your application that you had not been arrested or convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor, there is sufficient evidence, if not satisfactorily refuted or explained, to justify the Departments denial of your application for a Level 1 Security Guard Registration.

RIGHTS OF THE RESPONDENT

You have a right to request a formal hearing in this matter. In order to exercise that right, **you must respond to this Notice of Contemplated Action with a request for a hearing within twenty (20) days of the service of this Notice.** NMSA 1978, Section 61-27B-27(A). The Uniform Licensing Act (ULA), NMSA 1978, Sections 61-1-1 through 61-1-34, governs the procedures for conducting this hearing to the extent that those procedures do not conflict with the Act. *See* NMSA 1978, § 61-27B-27(A). As such, **the hearing request must be made in writing, sent to the Board by certified receipt requested letter to the address provided below.** *See* NMSA 1978, § 61-1-4(B). Failure to respond in this prescribed manner (requesting a hearing) will result in the Board taking the contemplated action; and, such action shall be final, without any opportunity to appeal for judicial review. Please send any request for a formal hearing to:

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If that hearing is requested, it will be conducted in accordance with ULA, to the extent that those procedures do not conflict with the Act. *See* Section 61-27B-27. With respect to any formal hearing, as the respondent you have the following rights under NMSA 1978, Section 61-1-8:

A. A person entitled to be heard under the Uniform Licensing Act shall have the right to be represented by counsel or by a licensed member of his own profession or occupation, or both; to present all relevant evidence by means of witnesses and books, papers, documents and other evidence; to examine all opposing witnesses who appear on any matter relevant to the issues; and to have subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued as of right prior to the commencement of the hearing to compel discovery and the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books, papers, documents and other evidence upon making written request therefor to the board or hearing officer. The issuance of such subpoenas after the commencement of the hearing rests in the discretion of the board or the hearing officer. All notices issued pursuant to Section 61-1-4 NMSA 1978 shall contain a statement of these rights.

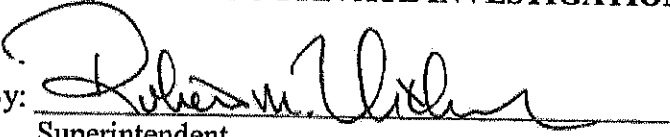
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Dated on this th 19 day of August, 2016.

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I, **Marcus Erickson**, do hereby certify that I mailed a true and correct copy of the above provided Notice of Contemplated Action in **Case No. PI 15-54-APP** before the New Mexico Board of Private Investigations Advisory Board to the Respondent at his last known address of record, this 24th day of August, 2016.

Marcus Erickson
Print the Name of Individual Certifying Service

Compliance officer / RLD
Title/Organization

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Signature

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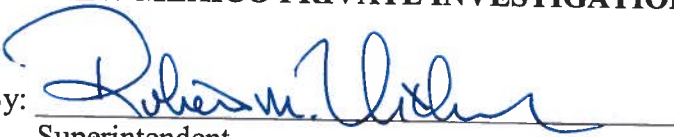
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