

September 17, 2010

Christopher Kramer

Re: Notice of Summary Suspension:  
EMT-Basic Certification # 511853  
Investigation Control # 2010-395

Dear Mr. Kramer:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (the Department) is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the *N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., Health Care Facilities Planning Act*, which was enacted, in part, to assure that all hospital and related health care services rendered in the State of New Jersey are of the highest quality. As defined at *N.J.S.A. 26:2H-2b*, health care services include any pre-hospital care rendered by basic life support (BLS) personnel. In addition, *N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7 et seq., Emergency Medical Services Act* authorizes the Department to certify Emergency Medical Technician-Basics (EMT-Bs). In furtherance of the objectives set forth in the statutes, the Department has adopted regulations that govern the training, certification and professional conduct of EMT-Bs and EMT-B candidates. (See: *N.J.A.C. 8:40A-1.1 et seq., Emergency Medical Technicians-Basics: Training and Certification*)

On August 30, 2010, the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received a news article from the *Burlington County Times* newspaper dated August 28, 2010. The article alleged that you were arrested and charged in Burlington County Superior Court for restraining and sexually assaulting a female victim. The OEMS opened an investigation in response to the information contained in the news article.

Further investigation revealed that a criminal complaint was filed on August 24, 2010, alleging that you criminally restrained another person, in violation of *N.J.S.A. 2C:13-2B*, and you used force to sexually assault that person, in violation of *N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2C(1)*. On August 26, 2010, an arrest warrant was executed by the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, in cooperation with the Westampton Township Police Department, resulting in your

arrest and incarceration in the Burlington County detention facility, in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail.

Accordingly, the Department finds that your continued certification as an EMT-B constitutes an immediate and serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public because of the seriousness of the crimes for which you have been indicted and for your failure to disclose these charges to the Department.

*N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.2(a)* states: "The Commissioner, or his/her designee, may summarily suspend a person's EMT-Basic and/or EMT-Instructor certification when, in his/her opinion, the continued certification of that person poses an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare."

**Therefore, your certification as an EMT-Basic is immediately suspended and shall remain suspended indefinitely.** You may not, under any circumstances, act in the capacity of, or perform the duties of an EMT-Basic in New Jersey during this period of suspension. Be further advised that if you act in the capacity of, or perform the duties of an EMT-Basic in New Jersey during this period of suspension, your actions will constitute impersonation of an EMT-Basic in violation of *N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.4*, and shall incur additional penalties.

In accordance with *N.J.A.C. 8:40A-7.1(f)*, certification cards are the property of the Department and shall be immediately surrendered upon demand. As such, you are hereby directed to immediately surrender all your EMT-Basic certification card(s) to the OEMS, either by U.S. mail to the address on the first page of this Notice, or by physical delivery to Department of Health and Senior Services, OEMS, John Fitch Plaza, Market and Warren Streets, Trenton, NJ, 08611.

In the interim, the OEMS will continue to investigate this matter. You will be notified when the OEMS has completed its investigation, at which time you will be advised of what action(s), if any, shall be taken with respect to your EMT-Basic certification.

Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.3(a)*, you have the right to appeal to the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services for a hearing before the Office of Administrative Law to contest this summary suspension. If the summary suspension is upheld at the Office of Administrative Law, you have the right to apply for injunctive relief in Superior Court of New Jersey. Your request for a hearing on this matter must be submitted in writing and must be accompanied by a response to the charges contained herein. Please include the control number 2010-395 on your correspondence, and forward your request to:

New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services  
Office of Legal & Regulatory Affairs  
P.O. Box 360, Room 805  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0360  
Attn: Ms. Michele Stark

**Finally, please note that failure to submit a request for a hearing within 30-days from the date of this Notice shall be interpreted as an acceptance of this Department's decision, thereby negating any further appeal rights.**

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Jo-Bea Sciarrotta, Compliance Officer at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,

Karen Halupke, RN, M.Ed.  
Director  
Emergency Medical Services

- c. David W. Gruber, Senior Assistant Commissioner  
Jo-Bea Sciarrotta, Esq, OEMS  
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Michele Stark, OL&RA  
National Registry of EMTs

SENT VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL AND  
CERTIFIED MAIL #  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED