

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 2019-003726
ECLB

ARIE KNEPEL,

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER ON WAIVER

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (hereinafter “Petitioner”) issues this Final Order against Arie Knepel (hereinafter “Respondent”) as follows:

1. An Administrative Complaint was filed in this case on or about October 9, 2019 alleging that Respondent violated certain provisions of chapters 455 and 489, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. The Administrative Complaint, Election of Rights form, an Explanation of Rights, and a cover letter were mailed to Respondent via Certified and regular U.S. Mail on November 8, 2019. Proof of mailing by Certified and regular U.S. Mail is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
3. The Certified Mail was returned to the Department by the United States Postal Service as unclaimed on December 16, 2019. The regular US Mail was never returned.
4. The Election of Rights form, Explanation of Rights, and cover letter informed Respondent that a written response to the Administrative Complaint, including the right to request a hearing, was due within 21 days of actual service of the Administrative Complaint. See section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, and rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code.
5. Petitioner made all reasonable efforts to provide actual notice to Respondent.

6. Petitioner informed Respondent that the failure to file a timely response to the Administrative Complaint shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing.

7. Respondent has not filed a timely response to the Administrative Complaint. Respondent has not submitted any evidence or made any allegations that would support the application of the doctrine of equitable tolling.

8. Verification of Waiver is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Having considered the Administrative Complaint, the evidence of Petitioner's reasonable attempts to provide actual notice to Respondent, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

9. The allegations of fact and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are adopted in their entirety herein.

10. Respondent must pay a total administrative fine of \$10,000.00 pursuant to the penalty/disciplinary guidelines of rule 61-5.007, Florida Administrative Code.

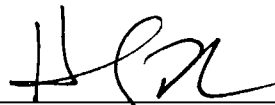
11. Pursuant to section 455.227(3)(a), Florida Statutes, which provides that "the department... may assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of the case excluding costs associated with an attorney's time." Respondent must pay costs of \$158.71.

12. Payment of the fine and costs by check or money order issued to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation must be received by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Revenue Unit, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2202 within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this Final Order. **Your case number(s) must be clearly referenced when making payment.**

13. This Final Order is effective on the date it is filed with the Agency Clerk of the

Department of Business and Professional Regulation as indicated on the first page of this Final Order.

DONE AND ORDERED this 3 day of March, 2020.



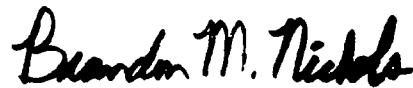
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Professional Regulation
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2202

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Unless expressly waived, any party adversely affected by this Final Order may seek judicial review by filing an original Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and a copy of the notice, accompanied by the filing fees prescribed by law, with the clerk of the appropriate District Court of Appeal within 30 days of the effective date of this order, in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110, and section 120.68, Florida Statutes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this Final Order on Waiver was provided to Arie Knepel, 3340 NE 190th St. Apt 1609, Miami, FL 33180 by regular U.S. Mail this 9th day of March, 2020.

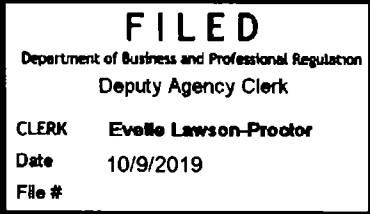


OFFICE OF THE AGENCY CLERK

Copy(s) Furnished to:

Daniel A. David, Assistant General Counsel - ULA

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (“Petitioner”) files this Administrative Complaint against Arie Knepel (“Respondent”) and alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of electrical contracting pursuant to section 20.165, Florida Statutes, and chapters 455 and 489, Florida Statutes.
2. Petitioner has jurisdiction over the unlicensed practice of electrical contracting pursuant to sections 455.227, 455.228, and 489.13 Florida Statutes.
3. At no time material hereto was Respondent duly registered or certified to engage in the practice of electrical contracting pursuant to chapter 489, Florida Statutes.
4. At no time material hereto was YYB Construction AKA 1-800 Remodel an entity properly qualified under the provisions of chapter 489, Florida Statutes.
5. Respondent’s last known address is 3340 NE 190th St. Apt 1609, Miami, FL 33180.
6. On or about January 10, 2018, an investigation revealed Respondent, D/B/A YYB Construction AKA 1-800 Remodel, offered, contracted, or performed regulated electrical



contracting services, including but not limited to installation of light fixtures and replacement of electrical outlets, at 6517 Ambassador Drive, Orlando, Florida 32818.

7. Respondent presented as his own the license number of “Alejandro Jose Ondarza” #CGC1524721 who is licensed in the state of Florida.

8. Respondent offered, contracted, or performed the regulated services at issue for compensation.

COUNT I

9. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs one through eight as though fully set forth herein.

10. Section 455.227(1)(q), Florida Statutes, provides “violating .the applicable professional practice act...” shall constitute grounds for which disciplinary actions may be taken.

11 Section 489.531(1)(a), Florida Statutes, provides “a person may not: (a) practice [electrical] contracting unless the person is certified or registered.”

12. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent violated section 455.227(1)(q), Florida Statutes, by practicing electrical contracting without the requisite license, in violation of section 489.531(1)(a), Florida Statutes.

COUNT II

13. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs one through eight as though fully set forth herein.

14. Section 489.127(1)(c), Florida Statutes, provides “no person shall present as his or her own the certificate or registration of another.

15. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent violated section 455.227(1)(q), Florida Statutes, by presenting as his own the license of another in violation of section 489.127(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that a Final Order be entered imposing one or more of the following: an administrative fine, assessment of costs related to the investigation, and/or any other relief the Department is authorized to impose pursuant to chapters 455 and 489, Florida Statutes, and the rules promulgated thereunder.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

Signed this 13th day of September, 2019.

HALSHEY BESHEARS, Secretary
Department of Business and
Professional Regulation

By: /s/ Daniel A. David
Daniel David
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PC Found: 9/13/19
By. DBPR

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Please be advised that mediation under section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available for administrative disputes involving this type of agency action.

Please be advised that Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested. Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the charges contained in the administrative complaint must conform to Rule 28-106.2015, *Florida Administrative Code*. Rule 28-106.111, *Florida Administrative Code*, provides in part that if Respondent fails to request a hearing within 21 days of receipt of an agency pleading, Respondent waives the right to request a hearing on the facts alleged

NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter Pursuant to section 455 227(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the Board, or the Department when there is no Board, may assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of the case excluding costs associated with an attorney's time, against Respondent in addition to any other discipline imposed

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EXHIBIT
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Ron DeSantis, Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO: File
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SUBJECT: Verification of Waiver
DATE: December 09, 2019

Please be advised as of this day no response has been received in the SOP Unit regarding the following case(s) The file(s) is being returned to Legal today

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