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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of JEFFREY ALLEN WEDDERBURN,

No. H-7207 SF

Respondent.

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ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

On September 27, 1995, a Decision was rendered herein revoking the real estate salesperson license of Respondent.

On September 11, 1998, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of said license and the Attorney General of the State of California has been given notice of the filing of said petition.

I have considered Respondent's petition and the evidence and arguments in support thereof. Respondent has failed to demonstrate to my satisfaction that Respondent has undergone sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the reinstatement of Respondent's real estate salesperson license, in that, Respondent was convicted on December 20, 1991 of a violation of Section

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476(a) of the California Penal Code. In addition, Respondent failed to disclose the conviction in an application for a real estate salesperson license filed in March 1993. Further, Respondent has no experience acting in a fiduciary capacity since the effective date of the Decision in this matter. Consequently, Respondent is not able to present any evidence of correction of practices which led to the disciplinary action in this matter. In view of the history of acts and conduct set forth above, a longer period of time is necessary to establish that Respondent is sufficiently rehabilitated to receive an unrestricted license. 10 am satisfied, however, that it will not be against the public. 11 interest to issue a restricted real estate salesperson license to 12 Respondent. 14 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition 15 for reinstatement of his real estate salesperson license is 16 denied. 17 A restricted real estate salesperson license shall be 18 issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business 19 and Professions Code, if Respondent satisfies the following 20 conditions within nine (9) months from the date of this Order: .21 1. Submittal of a completed application and payment of the fee for a real estate salesperson license. 23 Submittal of evidence of having, since the most 24 recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, 25 taken and successfully completed the continuing education 26 requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. 27 2 -

1 The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be 2 subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code. 6 The restricted license issued to Respondent may be 7 suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee. 10 11 The restricted license issued to Respondent may be 12 suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate 13 Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate 15 Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate 16 Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license. 17 Respondent shall submit with any application for 18 license under an employing broker, or any application for transfer 19 to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective 20 employing broker on a form approved by the Department of Real 21 Estate which shall certify: 22 (1)That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a 23 24 restricted license; and 25 (2) That the employing broker will exercise close 26 supervision over the performance by the restricted 27 licensee relating to activities for which a real

estate license is required.

D. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor the removal of any of the limitations, conditions or restrictions of a restricted license until one (1) year has elapsed from the date of the issuance of the restricted license to respondent.

noon on March 9, 1999.

John R. Liberator Acting Real Estate Commissioner

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JIM ANTT, JR.
Real Estate Commissioner

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By Victoria Dillon

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of) NO. H-7207 SF)

JEFFREY ALLEN WEDDERBURN,) OAH No. N 9502185

Respondent.

ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE

On September 27, 1995, a Decision was rendered in the above-entitled matter to become effective October 24, 1995.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of the Decision of September 27, 1995, is stayed for a period of Twenty-Nine (29) days.

The Decision of September 27, 1995, shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on November 22, 1995.

DATED: October 23, 1995

JIM ANTT, JR.
Real Estate Commissioner

JOSEPH J. MANKEWICH

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

of) No. H-7207 SF

OAH N 9502185

In the Matter of the Accusation of JEFFREY ALLEN WEDDERBURN,

Respondent.

DECISION

The Proposed Decision dated August 29, 1995, of the Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings is hereby adopted as the decision of the Real Estate Commissioner in the above-entitled matter.

The Decision suspends or revokes one or more real estate licenses on grounds of the conviction of a crime and knowingly making a false statement of fact required to be revealed in an application for license.

The right to reinstatement of a revoked real estate license or to the reduction of a suspension is controlled by Section 11522 of the Government Code. A copy of Section 11522 and a copy of the Commissioner's <u>Criteria of Rehabilitation</u> are attached hereto for the information of respondent.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on October 24 , 19 95 .

IT IS SO ORDERED 9 /27 , 19 95 .

JIM ANTT, JR. Real Fatate Commissioner

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of:

CASE NO. H-7207 SF

JEFFREY ALLEN WEDDERBURN,

OAH NO. N 9502185

Respondent.

PROPOSED DECISION

This matter was heard at Oakland on August 25, 1995, by Jerry Mitchell, Administrative Law Judge of the State of California Office of Administrative Hearings. The Department of Real Estate was represented by Susan Rossi, Counsel. Respondent was present and represented himself.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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The Accusation was made by Les R. Bettencourt in his official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California.

II

On or about March 15, 1993, respondent submitted to the Department of Real Estate a Salesperson License Application, which on March 10, 1993 he had certified as true and correct, under penalty of perjury.

III

In response to question number 25 of said application, to wit: "HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY VIOLATION OF LAW?", respondent answered "NO."

IV

In fact, on December 20, 1991, in the San Luis Obispo County Municipal Court, State of California, San Luis Branch, respondent was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code

section 476a(a) (NSF check), referred to in court records as 476A(A), a crime involving moral turpitude which bears a substantial relationship to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a real estate licensee. Imposition of sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for one year on various terms and conditions, including a fine and an order to "do DA bad check class within 180 days." Respondent produced evidence at the administrative hearing that he had completed a District Attorney Bad Check Restitution Program. He did not pay the fine until October 25, 1994, after his probation had been revoked and a warrant issued for the nonpayment.

V

According to respondent, the facts and circumstances resulting in his conviction were that he issued five checks totalling about \$1,000.00 without sufficient funds in his account to cover them. While testifying at the administrative hearing, he did not forthrightly take responsibility for issuing the bad checks. After giving explanations in which he mentioned that the company he worked for (as an insurance salesperson) went out of business and that his secretary maintained his check register, he finally offered the explanation that he neglected to tell his secretary about some ATM withdrawals he had made.

VI

Respondent likewise gave varying explanations for his failure to disclose the conviction in his response to question number 25 on his application. One of the explanations he gave was that he thought he had been convicted of an infraction, not a misdemeanor. However, question number 25 does not exempt infractions. Another of his explanations was that he thought what had happened in the San Luis Obispo County Municipal Court on December 20, 1991 was "irrelevant." Still another was, "I did it out of complete ignorance."

VII

Respondent was not a credible witness. His explanations for failing to disclose his conviction were implausible and are rejected.

VIII

Respondent offered evidence of rehabilitation. However, the check he sent to the Department of Real Estate in connection with the aforesaid application was dishonored by his bank, indicating that he is not rehabilitated to the extent necessary to assure that his continued licensure would not be against the public interest.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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The facts set forth in Findings II, III, IV, VI and VII establish that respondent procured his real estate license by fraud, deceit and knowingly misrepresenting or omitting a material fact in his application; wherefore, cause exists under Sections 498 and 10177(a) of the Business and Professions Code to suspend or revoke his license.

II

Giving due consideration to all credible evidence of mitigation and rehabilitation, the following order is determined to be appropriate.

ORDER

Respondent's license and license rights are revoked.

DATED: AUG. 29 1995

JERRY MITCHELL

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

In the Matter of the Accusation of

JEFFREY ALLEN WEDDERBURN,

Case No. H-7207 OAH No. N 9502185

Respondent

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

To the above named respondent:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at _		
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, World Saving Tower		
1970 Broadway, Second Floor, Oakland, CA 94612		
Friday, August 25, 1995, (2 hrs. hearing), at the hour of soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you.	1:30	<u>p.m.</u> ,

You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying against you. You are entitled to the issuance of subpenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by applying to the Department of Real Estate.

The hearing shall be conducted in the English language. If you want to offer the testimony of any witness who does not proficiently speak the English language, you must provide your own interpreter. The interpreter must be approved by the Administrative Law Judge conducting the hearing as someone who is proficient in both English and the language in which the witness will testify. You are required to pay the costs of the interpreter unless the Administrative Law Judge directs otherwise.

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE Dated | April 11, 1995

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 1995
STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

JEFFREY ALLEN WEDDERBURN,

Respondent

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To the above named respondent:

	You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at									
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4	55	Golden	Gate	Avenue,	Room	2248,	San	Francisco,	CA	94102
on	Friday, August 25, 1995 (2 hrs. hearing) as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon the Accus					, at the hour of $\frac{1:30 \text{ p.m.}}{\text{m.}}$				

You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

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Dated: March 14, 1995

SUSAN M. ROSSI, Coun.

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12	JEFFREY ALLEN WEDDERBURN,) <u>ACCUSATION</u>					
13 ·	Respondent.)					
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15.	The Complainant, LES R. BETTENCOURT, a Deputy Real					
16	Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of					
17	Accusation against JEFFREY ALLEN WEDDERBURN (hereinafter					
18	Respondent) is informed and alleges as follows:					
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20	At all times herein mentioned, Respondent is presently					
21	licensed and/or has license rights as a real estate salesperson					
22	subject to Section 10153.4 of the California Business and					
23	Professions Code (Code).					
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25	The Complainant, LES R. BETTENCOURT, a Deputy Real					
26	Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this					
27	Accusation in his official capacity and not otherwise.					

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2 Respondent was issued a real estate salesperson license

3 on or about April 2, 1993, following Respondent's application

4 therefor filed on or about March 15, 1993.

5 IV

6 In response to Question 25 of said application, to wit:

7 "Have you ever been convicted of any violation of law?",

8 Respondent answered No.

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On or about December 20, 1991, in the Municipal Court,

11 State of California, San Luis Obispo County, Respondent was

12 convicted of a violation of Section 476A(A) of the California

13 Penal Code (NSF check), a crime involving moral turpitude which

14 bears a substantial relationship under Section 2910, Title 10,

15 California Code of Regulations, to the qualifications, functions

16 or duties of a real estate licensee.

17 VI

The facts alleged above constitute cause under Sections

19 498 and 10177(a) of the Code for the suspension or revocation of

20 all licenses and license rights of Respondent under the Real

21 Estate Law.

22 WHEREFORE, the Complainant prays that a hearing be

23 conducted on the allegations of the Accusation and that upon proof

24 thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action

25 against all licenses and license rights of Respondent under the

26 Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and

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Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law. Deputy Real Estate Commissioner 5 . Dated at San Francisco, California this 23 rd day of January, 1995. 13.

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