

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS HVAC/R LICENSING BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO JOHNSON, RESPONDENT
LICENSE NO. 0002849 EXP 7/31/2024**

CASE NO. DP11102022D

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSION OF LAW AND ORDER

A hearing on the above-referenced matter was held before the Arkansas HVAC/R Board (“Board”) at 10:00 a.m. on July 10, 2024, located at 900 West Capitol Ave., Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201. Christopher Orlando Johnson (“Respondent”) did not appear personally nor was represented by counsel. Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing Counsel Lacie Kirchner appeared on behalf of the Board.

Finding proper notice had been given Respondent, the Board, from all the evidence presented, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 14, 2023, Christopher Orlando Johnson (“Respondent”), appeared before the Arkansas HVAC/R Licensing Board (“Board”) at a hearing for violations of Arkansas law and Board rules and codes.
2. The Board ordered the following at the conclusion of the June 14, 2023:
 - a. Respondent’s license was to be transferred from a Class B HVAC Mechanic to a Class C HVAC Mechanic license; and
 - b. Respondent was ordered to pay a five-thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) civil monetary penalty for the seventy-nine (79) noted violations of Arkansas law and applicable codes.
3. On August 24, 2023, Respondent entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing (“ADLL”) to set a payment schedule for the assessed civil monetary penalty.

4. In the August 24, 2023, Settlement Agreement, Respondent agreed to make an initial down payment of two hundred and eighty dollars (\$280.00) on or before August 14, 2023, and to make all future payments of two hundred and eighty dollars (\$280.00) on or before the 15th of each month beginning September 2023 and ending December 2024.
5. On or about August 29, 2023, Respondent made his initial down payment of two hundred and eighty dollars (\$280.00) in the form of two (2) money orders.
6. Respondent failed to remit payment on or before September 15, 2023.
7. On or about October 5, 2023, Respondent made a two hundred and eighty dollars (\$280.00) payment in the form of a money order.
8. Between October 6, 2023, and December 6, 2023. ADLL staff made several attempts to reach the Respondent by phone and sent emails on November 18, 2023, and December 6, 2023. ADLL staff received no response to the emails or voicemails.
9. On or about December 12, 2023, Respondent's case was referred to ADLL Legal for further action.
10. On or about March 15, 2024, Judge Timothy Davis Fox signed a Judgement by Default, pursuant to A.C.A. § 16-22-308, ordering that the Respondent is indebted to the Board in the sum of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) plus costs, interest, and attorney's fees of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00).
11. Pursuant to the August 24, 2023, Settlement Agreement, Respondent's previous payments will be retained by the Board as liquidated damages and Respondent will be responsible for the entirety of the Judgement of Default entered against him on March 15, 2024.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

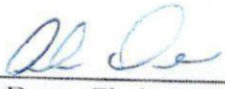
1. Respondent's actions, as set forth above in Findings of Fact 5-8, constitute violations of Ark. Code Ann. §17-33-307 in that, the Respondent failed to comply with the Board Order from the June 14, 2023 hearing and the August 24, 2023, Settlement Agreement.

ORDER

1. Respondent's Class B HVAC Mechanic license is hereby revoked.

Pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. §25-15-212, Respondent may petition for judicial review of this decision by filing a petition in the Circuit Court in the County in which he resides or does business or in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County within thirty (30) days after service of this Order.

HEATING, VENTILLATION, AIR CONDITIONING and
REFRIGERATION LICENSING BOARD, DEPARTMENT
OF LABOR AND LICENSING,
STATE OF ARKANSAS

By: 
Alan Dean, Chairman

Date: 9-15-2024

Approved as to form:
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