

**COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE HEARINGS DIVISION
ON BEHALF OF THE COLORADO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD**

**Case No. 24A010
BD 24-0031**

STIPULATION AND FINAL AGENCY ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF: Matthew Ray Morris
Salesperson License Number: 210689

Respondent.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED & AGREED by and between the Colorado Department of Revenue, Auto Industry Division (“Division”), Motor Vehicle Dealer Board (“Board”) and Mr. Matthew Ray Morris (“Respondent”) (collectively the “Parties”) in lieu of further legal action:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order (“Order”) as set forth in article 20 of title 44, C.R.S., and the Administrative Procedure Act, article 4 of title 24, C.R.S.

2. Respondent has been licensed as a motor vehicle salesperson in the State of Colorado at all times relevant herein.

3. On October 18, 2024, the Board filed a Notice of duty to Answer, Notice of Hearing, and Notice of Charges against Respondent, in which the Board alleged that Respondent violated the following:

A. Having violated any state or federal law respecting commerce, to wit section 18-5-113(1)(b)(III), C.R.S., in violation of section 44-20-121(6)(o), C.R.S. (Charge III).

4. Respondent acknowledges receipt of sufficient notice, sufficient advisement of rights, and sufficient process in the proceedings of this case, and desires to resolve all issues, which were the subject of the investigation, by entering into this Stipulation and Final Agency Order.

5. Respondent understands that:

A. Respondent has the right to be represented by an attorney of Respondent’s choice, at Respondent’s expense;

B. Respondent has the right to a formal hearing in accordance with article 20 of title 44, C.R.S.;

- C. By entering into this Order, Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to a hearing, and relieves the Board of its burden of proving the violations alleged herein;
- D. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to present a defense by oral and documentary evidence, and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify on behalf of the Board; and,
- E. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to judicial review of this matter.

6. Respondent admits to violating the allegation listed in paragraph 3 of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order.

7. Respondent agrees, in lieu of subsequent administrative proceedings, to submit to the following sanctions:

- A. Respondent relinquishes his motor vehicle salesperson license. The relinquishment shall have the force and effect of a revocation order following a hearing.
- B. Payment of a fine of \$1,000.00 for the admission of the violation of one charge, as listed in paragraph 3 of this Stipulation.
- C. The \$1,000.00 fine is deferred and payable only if Respondent applies for, and is granted by the Board, any type of motor vehicle or powersports license in the future, including a motor vehicle salesperson license, a powersports vehicle salesperson license, wholesaler license, and any type of motor vehicle or powersports vehicle dealer license.
- D. If Respondent applies for any type of license issued by the Board, at any time in the future, Respondent must comply with all requirements for Board licensure in effect in addition to paying the \$1,000.00 fine.
- E. Respondent agrees to assist with, and testify in, any related administrative hearings, including in case numbers BD24-0032 and BD22-1166.
- F. Respondent agrees not to engage in any act that would require a license issued by the State of Colorado until Respondent obtains appropriate licensure.

8. Respondent agrees to strictly adhere to and to completely fulfill all requirements established in this Order.

9. This Order will not become an order of the Board unless and until the Board approves it. If this Order is not approved by the Board, it is void, and the Parties shall not be bound by any provisions hereof or admissions herein.

10. Each Party shall bear their own costs and fees incurred in this action.

11. This Order is the complete integration of all understandings between the parties. No addition, deletion, or amendment shall have any force or effect whatsoever, except as mutually agreed to in a writing signed by both Parties.

12. The Parties agree to cooperate fully and to execute any and all supplementary documents and to take all additional actions necessary or appropriate to give full force and effect to the terms and intent of this Order.

13. The provisions of this Order shall be enforceable by the Parties before the Colorado Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, by any lawful remedy.

14. Respondent expressly acknowledges having read and understood completely the terms of this Order. Respondent enters this Order knowingly and voluntarily, after the opportunity to consult with counsel, and with full understanding of the legal consequences of this Order. Respondent expressly states the terms of this Order are fair, conscionable, and appropriate to reach a full and final resolution of this disciplinary matter.

15. This Order and all its terms shall have the same force and effect as an order entered by the Board after hearing pursuant to article 20 of title 44, C.R.S., except that this Order cannot be appealed.

16. Respondent agrees that any violation of this Order may constitute grounds for disciplinary action and, if proven, may constitute a basis for further sanctions or for any other remedy authorized by law.

17. Respondent acknowledges that the Board has sufficient credible evidence to support a finding of a violation by the Respondent for each of the allegations listed in the Notice of Charges, should the case proceed to hearing

18. If this matter is referred to hearing for violation of this Order, this Order shall be admissible as evidence.

19. If an alleged violation of this Order is taken to hearing and the facts that constitute the violation are not proven, the Board shall not impose any additional sanctions, and this Order shall remain operative and in full force and effect. Respondent must comply with the terms of this Order during the pendency of, and after the conclusion of, such disciplinary action.

20. Once effective, this Order becomes a public record in the Board's

custody at all times.

21. Effective Date. This Order becomes an order of the Board when accepted by the Board and signed by an authorized representative of the Board.

22. This Order is a full and final resolution of case number BD 24-0031 (also designated as Colorado Dept. of Revenue, Hearings Division case no. 24A010). This Order does not resolve any other cases, complaints or matters, known or unknown to the Parties, as of the effective date of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order.

23. Respondent shall immediately provide written notice to the Board of any change of Respondent's address. Any notice required under this Order shall be valid if provided, in writing, to the last known written address provided to the Board by Respondent, which currently is:

Mr. Matthew Morris
c/o Stephan B. Schweissing
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1041
Grand Junction, CO 81502

24. All correspondence and notices to the Board must be provided to the Board at the following address:

Colorado Department of Revenue, Auto
Industry Division
Chris Rouze, Division Director /Executive
Secretary
1707 Cole Boulevard, Suite 300
Lakewood, Colorado 80401

25. Should any term or provision of this Order be declared invalid or become inoperative for any reason, such invalidity or failure does not affect the validity of any other term or provision hereof.

26. This Order may be signed in counterparts, each of which has full force and effect upon execution by all Parties.

27. Respondent warrants that he possesses the legal authority to enter into this Order and that he has taken all actions required to bind himself to its terms.

AGREED TO BY:

John Opeka Digitally signed by John Opeka
Date: 2024.12.18 13:10:49 -07'00' By: John Opeka
For: Chris J. Rouze

12/18/2024

Chris J. Rouze
Director/ Executive Secretary
Auto Industry Division
Motor Vehicle Dealer Board

Date

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

Matthew Morris
Respondent

Date

AGREED TO BY:

Chris J. Rouze
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Auto Industry Division
Motor Vehicle Dealer Board

Date

FOR THE RESPONDENT:



Matthew Morris
Respondent

Date 11/21/2024

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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11/22/24
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Motor Vehicle Dealer Board*

12/4/2024
Date

The Order is approved, and its terms are hereby adopted as an Order of this Board.

ORDERED AND ENTERED this 17th day of December, 2024

COLORADO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD

BY:  _____
Amanda Gordon, President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have duly served the within STIPULATION AND FINAL AGENCY ORDER upon all parties herein by depositing copies of same in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, at Denver, Colorado, and personal service (as noted), this 18th day of December, 2024, addressed as follows:

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Counsel for Respondent Morris

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(Placed in Board File)

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Lisa Garcia, Legal Assistant
Auto Industry Division