

April 5, 2012

Matthew Call

**Re: Notice of Summary Suspension:
EMT-Basic Certification # 550750
Investigation Control # 2012-118**

Dear Mr. Call:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (the Department) is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of *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-B). 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-B and EMT-B candidates. (See: *N.J.A.C. 8:40A-1.1 Emergency Medical Technicians-Basics: Training and Certification.*)

On March 22, 2012, the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received a news article from NJ.com, dated Thursday March 15, 2012. The article alleged that you were arrested and charged in Camden County Court with two counts each of criminal sexual contact and endangering the welfare of a child by creating child pornography, along with single charges of luring, sexual assault, endangering the welfare of a child by distributing child pornography and endangering the welfare of a child by engaging in sexual conduct.

As a matter of policy, the OEMS opened an investigation in response to the information contained in the news article. Thereafter, OEMS investigators contacted the Camden County Prosecutor's Office. A representative from the Prosecutor's Office confirmed that on March 14, 2011, you were arrested and charged with the following:

- (1) Sexual assault against a child, in violation of *N.J.S.A. 2C:13-6*;
- (2) Endangering the welfare of a child by creating child pornography, in violation of *N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(3)*;
- (3) Endangering the welfare of a child by creating child pornography by soliciting the victim, in violation of *N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(4)*;
- (4) Criminal sexual contact, in violation of *N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3b*; and
- (5) Endangering the welfare of a child by distributing child pornography, in violation of *N.J.S.A. 2C:24-2b(5)(A)*.

N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.2(a) states:

The Commissioner, or his or her designee, may summarily suspend a person's EMT-Basic and/or EMT-Instructor certification when, in his or her opinion, the continued certification of that person poses an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

Because of the seriousness of the crimes with which you have been charged, the Department finds that your continued certification as an EMT-Basic constitutes an immediate and serious threat to public health, safety, and 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.

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. You are hereby directed to immediately surrender your EMT-Basic certification card(s) to the OEMS, either by sending via United States Postal Service First Class Mail, to the address on the first page of this Notice, or via physical delivery to Department of Health and Senior Services, OEMS, John Fitch Way, 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, will be taken with respect to your EMT-Basic certification.

Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.3(a)*, you may appeal to the Commissioner of the Department 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 may apply for injunctive relief in the 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 **2012-118** on your correspondence, and forward your request to:

New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services
Office of Legal & Regulatory Compliance
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 Mr. Donald Roberts, at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,

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

- c. Christopher R. Rinn, Assistant Commissioner
Donald Roberts, OEMS
Christopher Ryan, OEMS
Christopher Tams, OEMS
Michele Stark, OL&RA

SENT VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL AND
CERTIFIED MAIL # 7009 0820 0000 8149 2332
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

200,000 bond currently in Camden County charged with endangering the welfare , two counts luring into a motor vehicle. Sexual Assault 13-16 years old criminal sexual contact two separate counts Camden County Prosecutor, Judy Berry Currently incarcerated Tracking number 12002106 Promise Gavel w201200136 Court Code of 0416 Second Complaint #w000028 Court code 0417