



OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

DOCKET NUMBER 2021-07 : OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS
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IN THE MATTER OF A : 18-20 TRINITY STREET
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COMPLAINT AGAINST : HARTFORD, CT 06106
: :
CHRISTIAN MCDAVID : MAY 17, 2021

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to the Code of Ethics, General Statutes §§ 1-79, et seq., Mark Wasielewski, Ethics Enforcement Officer, filed a Complaint against the Respondent Christian McDavid (“McDavid” or “Respondent”), alleging violations of the Code of Ethics, Connecticut General Statutes § 1-84 (i) (1). Based on the investigation by the Enforcement Division of the Office of State Ethics (“OSE”), the OSE finds there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent violated the Code of Ethics as further set forth in herein.

The Parties have entered into this Stipulation and Consent Order following the issuance of the Complaint, but without any adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein.

I. STIPULATION

The Ethics Enforcement Officer and the Respondent stipulate to the following facts:

1. At all times relevant here, the Respondent was a resident of Connecticut and was engaged in the private business of providing videography services.

2. On or around December 2017, the Respondent entered into an independent contract with Central Connecticut State University ("CCSU") to provide videography services, for which the Respondent was paid \$3,500.00 ("Contract #1").

3. Contract #1 was not awarded through an open and public process.

4. On or around April 2018, the Respondent entered into an independent contract with CCSU to provide video services, for which the Respondent was paid \$300.00 ("Contract #2").

5. Contract #2 was not awarded through an open and public process.

6. At all times relevant hereto, a member of the Respondent's immediate family was employed by CCSU, and a "state employee" as that term is defined by General Statutes § 1-79 (13).

7. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-84 (i) (1):

"No public official or state employee or member of the official or employee's immediate family or a business with which he is associated shall enter into any contract with the state, valued at one hundred dollars or more... unless the contract has been awarded through an open and public process, including prior public offer and subsequent public disclosure of all proposals considered and the contract awarded."

8. By entering into two contracts with the state valued at one hundred dollars or more, without the contracts having been awarded through an open and public process, while a

member of his immediate family was a state employee, the Respondent violated General Statutes § 1-84 (i) (1).

9. Each time the Respondent entered into a contract with the state as described above constitutes a separate and distinct violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (i) (1).

II. JURISDICTION

1. The Ethics Enforcement Officer is authorized to investigate the Respondent's acts as set forth herein, and to enter into this Stipulation and Consent Order.

2. The provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order apply to and are binding upon the Respondent.

3. The Respondent hereby waives all objections and defenses to the jurisdiction of the Ethics Enforcement Officer over matters addressed in this Stipulation and Consent Order.

4. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under General Statutes §§ 1-80, 1-82, 1-82a, 1-87 and 1-88, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Ethics Enforcement Officer to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by General Statutes § 4-177 (c).

5. The Respondent consents to jurisdiction and venue in the Connecticut Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, in the event that the State of Connecticut seeks to enforce this Stipulation and Consent Order. The Respondent recognizes that the Connecticut Superior Court has the authority to specifically enforce the provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order, including the authority to award equitable relief.

6. The terms set forth herein are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other existing or future statutory, regulatory, or other legal obligation that may be applicable to the Respondent.

7. The Respondent understands that he has a right to counsel and has expressly and knowingly waived such right during the OSE's investigation and in connection with this Stipulation and Consent Order.


III. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to General Statutes § 4-177 (c), the Office of State Ethics hereby **ORDERS**, and Respondent agrees, that:

1. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (1), Respondent will cease and desist from any future violations of General Statutes § 1-84 (i) (1).
2. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (3), Respondent will pay a civil penalty to the State in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for his violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (i) (1) as set forth in the Complaint and herein.

WHEREFORE, the Ethics Enforcement Officer and the Respondent hereby execute this Stipulation and Consent Order dated May 17, 2021.

Dated: 6/7/2021


Christian McDavid

Dated: 6-14-21


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