STATE OF CONNECTICUT



STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

September 16, 1991

PRESS RELEASE

On July 1, 1991 Ethics Commission Staff Attorney Marianne D. Smith filed a complaint (Docket No. 91-1) against Joseph W. Winski, Director of Emergency Response Services at the University of Connecticut. In April, 1990, Connecticut Fire Apparatus Sales and Service, Inc. sold a fire truck to the University of Connecticut. Knowing that the University intended to purchase additional equipment, the president of Connecticut Fire Apparatus, Mr. Earl Glenney, subsequently invited Mr. Winski to view a manufacturing facility in Ocala, Florida. The complaint against Mr. Winski alleged that he used his public office for his own financial gain in August, 1990, when he accepted, from Connecticut Fire Apparatus Sales and Service, Inc., airline tickets to Florida for five persons and six nights' lodging at a Florida condominium owned by Mr. Glenney.

On September 16, 1991, the Ethics Commission and Mr. Winski settled this matter by entering into a Stipulated Agreement. Under the settlement, the Commission found that Mr. Winski violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged, and Mr. Winski agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 and to make a contribution of \$1,000 to a charity of his choice.

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DOCKET NUMBER 91-1 IN THE MATTER OF A COMPLAINT AGAINST)	STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
)	97 ELM STREET (REAR)
)	HARTFORD, CONN. 06106
JOSEPH W. WINSKI)	September/6, 1991

STIPULATION AND ORDER

The Commission finds that the Respondent violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged in the attached Amended Complaint, dated July 1, 1991.

This conclusion is reached solely on the basis of the Commission's staff investigation into this matter, and is not admissible in, nor shall it be deemed to prejudice, any subsequent civil or criminal proceeding against the Respondent or any other person.

While the Respondent does not admit all of the allegations contained in the Complaint, the Respondent does not choose to contest the Commission's conclusion by requesting a hearing that could result in costly litigation in this matter. The Respondent does agree that the Commission's staff investigation has produced evidence which, if believed, could lead to the conclusion that the violations alleged in the attached Amended Complaint had occurred.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent, Joseph W. Winski, agree to settle this matter in the manner described below:

- 1. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. $\S\S1-82$, 1-82a, 1-87, 1-88 and 1-89, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. $\S4-177(c)$.
- 2. The Commission agrees not to refer the Respondent to the Chief State's Attorney for any possible action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. $\S1-88$ arising from this matter.

- 3. The Respondent agrees to make a contribution of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), within thirty (30) days, to a charity of his choice, such choice being subject to approval by the Commission, (in addition to a civil penalty hereinafter described).
- 4. The Ethics Commission orders, and the Respondent agrees to pay to the Ethics Commission, within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Stipulation and Order, a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Respondent

Joseph W. Winski

Chairperson

State Ethics Commission

August 21, 1991

Dated

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