

Pennsylvania DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STATE LICENSING BOARDS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS March 2008

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced seven disciplinary actions taken by the State Real Estate Commission and the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (3 actions); Bucks (1 action); Crawford (1 action); Delaware (1 action); and Schuylkill (1 action).

No actions involved licensees with out-of-state addresses.

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Allegheny County

Anna M. Jackson, license no. RS198505L of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$2,000, attend and successfully complete at least seven hours of remedial professional education in the topic of real estate ethics, and a public reprimand was placed on her permanent Board record because she demonstrated bad faith, dishonesty, untrustworthiness, or incompetency in a real estate transaction and failed to ensure that all services that are to be provided to the consumer are provided in a reasonable, professional and competent manner, as required by a Commission regulation. (03-18-08)

Michael J. Kelly, license nos. RM051162A and AB051162L and RS140256A of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and shall complete at least seven hours of remedial professional education on the subject matter of agency and/or agency relationships, and such course shall be a continuing education course, not pre-licensure, because he failed to disclose in an Agreement of Sale the following information in a manner and method established by the Commission: a statement identifying the capacity in which the broker is engaged in the transaction and whether the broker or any licensee affiliated with the broker has provided services relating to the subject transaction to any other party to the transaction. (03-18-08)

BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

Allegheny County

Eric L. Rasmussan, license no. MV167593 of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his license, because Rasmussan

was convicted of felonies and misdemeanors related to the practice of the profession and crimes involving moral turpitude. (03-04-08)

Bucks County

George F. Simon, license no. MV155617L of Langhorne, Bucks County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250 and his salesperson's license was placed on probation for a period of two years, because he entered a plea of nolo contendere or was found guilty in a court of jurisdiction in this or another state or Federal jurisdiction of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, bribery, odometer tampering or any other crime involving moral turpitude and he made a material misstatement in an application for licensure. (03-04-08)

Crawford County

Community Chevrolet Inc., license no. VD026470 of Meadville, Crawford County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,200, because the Respondent violated the Act in that it committed acts or engaged in conduct in connection with the sale of vehicles which clearly demonstrates unprofessional conduct or incompetency to operate as a licensee under the Act by holding 10 undated titles and 2 out of date titles. (03-04-08)

Delaware County

Michael J. Basilovecchio, license no. MV087040L of Havertown, Delaware County, was suspended for no fewer than five years, because Basilovecchio violated the Act in that he pleaded guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction of a crime involving moral turpitude while his current license was in force, although inactive at the time. (03-04-08)

Schuylkill County

Heritage Ford Inc., vehicle dealer license no. VD010072A, of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, was revoked and assessed a civil penalty of \$44,000 based upon its selling vehicles from an unlicensed facility or branch lot and aiding and abetting employees in the unlicensed sale of vehicles. (03-05-08)

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