

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE,
INFECTIOUS DISEASE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
CENTER FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**In the Matter of:
JAMES EDWARD TEEVAN, PARAMEDIC
LICENSE NUMBER EMT15022
COMPLAINT NO. C20-1020**

CONSENT ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

Pursuant to 216-RICR-10-05-4.15, or § 4.15 of the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Practices and Procedures Before the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease and Emergency Medical Services, Center for Emergency Medical Services (“RIDOH”) and James Edward Teevan (“Respondent”), who is licensed by RIDOH pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-4.1-1 et seq. (the “EMS Practice Act”) and 216-RICR-20-10-2, or the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Emergency Medical Services (the “EMS Rules”) and holds Paramedic license number EMT15022 (the “License”), agree to dispose of the above-captioned matter by entering into this Consent Order. RIDOH and Respondent further agree that this Consent Order is enforceable as an Order of RIDOH.

Wishing to resolve this matter without an administrative hearing, Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of RIDOH under the EMS Practice Act and agrees to waive further procedural steps and any right to appeal this Consent Order. Respondent further agrees that RIDOH may make the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below. Respondent neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact or the Conclusions of Law set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That Respondent is licensed as a Paramedic. Respondent has held the License since October 16, 2018.
2. That on July 15, 2020, RIDOH received notification by a physician at Kent Hospital's Emergency Department (the "Kent ED") that a certain patient ("Patient I") had been transported to the Kent ED by Respondent, arriving earlier that day at approximately 12:30AM.
3. That Patient I had come to the Kent ED to be treated for a fall and a diabetic emergency, which had occurred at Kingston Rehab in Exeter. The electronic patient care report that Respondent completed for Patient I, which covered the period of time during which Patient I was being transported from Kingston Rehab to the Kent ED, indicated that Respondent had administered 150 micrograms of Fentanyl to Patient I for pain.
4. That on July 15, 2020, the same physician further represented to RIDOH that, upon arrival to the Kent ED, the medical staff did not think that Patient I presented as a person under the influence of pain medication. Further, when asked whether Respondent had provided Patient I with pain medication, Patient I denied having received any pain medication from Respondent. Thereafter, the Kent ED performed a toxicological test on Patient I for the presence of Fentanyl, which was negative. Given these facts and circumstances, the physician suspected that Respondent had diverted the Fentanyl for himself that had been intended to treat Patient I.
5. That the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 2 through 4 above, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting violations of the EMS Practice Act, providing grounds for disciplinary action against the License.

WHEREAS, Respondent wishes and agrees to voluntarily enter into a Consent Order to surrender the License, and

WHEREAS, RIDOH finds the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, and for other good cause shown,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

6. Respondent is hereby granted leave to voluntarily surrender the License indefinitely, and shall be deemed to have surrendered such License as of the date that this Consent Order is ratified by RIDOH, pending further Order of RIDOH.
7. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from practicing and/or holding himself out as a licensed paramedic in the State of Rhode Island, pending further Order of RIDOH. Furthermore, Respondent hereby and immediately pledges and warrants that, for the entirety of this voluntary surrender, he shall not to respond to any emergency medical services call, whether emergent/non-emergent, for service or on-site detail, of any type and for all types whatsoever, including as a driver, helper, intern, or similar.
8. Addiction Support
 - a. Respondent shall find an addiction specialist / therapist / consultant with whom Respondent can begin establishing the path to recovery, and supply the name of that individual to RIDOH via DOH.PR.Compliance@health.ri.gov no later than August 31, 2020.
 - b. Respondent is hereby consenting to, authorizing, and furnishing whatever approvals are or would be necessary for RIDOH to access, review, or use any of the records, documents, files, materials, data, information, and any other thing that relates to the therapeutic relationship identified by this Consent Order (the "Therapy File"); furthermore, Respondent agrees to approve, sign, or furnish whatever other documents, materials, or agreements that might be necessary, advisable, or expedient in order for RIDOH to gain access to the Therapy File or any part thereof.
 - c. RIDOH shall have the right, from time to time and as long as Respondent remains in voluntary surrender, but no more than four times per calendar year, to inquire after Respondent's general health. Such inquiries could take the form of directly contacting Respondent, Respondent's therapists, friends, physicians, family members, work colleagues, etc.

9. -Eligibility for Future EMS-Related Practice

- a. Respondent shall be ineligible for any RIDOH license for at least *seven years* following the completion of any court-ordered sanctions (including probation), that he receives as a result of the incidents described in Paragraphs 2-4 herein.
- b. In its absolute discretion and in every case after the seven-year period described in the preceding paragraph, RIDOH reserves the right to determine whether to reinstate the License; further, RIDOH, in its absolute discretion, reserves the right to determine, if the License will be reinstated, when such reinstatement shall take place. In the event that the License is reinstated by RIDOH, RIDOH reserves the right to place restrictions and/or limitations upon the License.

10. This Consent Order is not effective unless it is accepted by Respondent and it is ratified by RIDOH. If accepted by Respondent and ratified by RIDOH, this Consent Order shall become a permanent and public part of Respondent's record maintained by RIDOH.

I, Respondent, have read and understand this Consent Order, and agree to abide by its terms and conditions. I understand that this Consent Order is not binding on me until it is accepted and ratified by RIDOH. I acknowledge that I have been afforded the opportunity to confer with legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order's terms and conditions, and have legal counsel review this Consent Order before I sign it.

RESPONDENT



CHRISTOPHER T. MILLEA, ESQ.

JAMES EDWARD TEEVAN
EMT15022

Signed this 17th day of July, 2020

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BY:



JASON M. RHODES, MPA, AEMT-C
CHIEF, CENTER FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Ratified this 17th day of July, 2020