

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

In re:
Ralph Tatro
License No.: 57-0342

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Docket No. AU04-0402

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COME the State of Vermont, by and through its Attorney General, William H. Sorrell, and Respondent Ralph Tatro, and stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Secretary of State and/or an Administrative Law Officer appointed pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §129(j) has jurisdiction to hear the charges in this case, adjudicate cases of unprofessional conduct, and/or discipline auctioneer licensees pursuant to: 3 V.S.A. §§129, 129a and 814; 32 V.S.A. §§7601 to 7606 [later superceded by 26 V.S.A. §§4601 to 4609], and; the Office of Professional Regulation's Procedures.
2. Respondent Ralph Tatro, of Alburg, Vermont, is an auctioneer holding license number 57-0342, issued by the State of Vermont. This license was originally issued before 1990 and it is currentiy active.
3. Respondent admits that on about April 13, 2002, he auctioned two cabinets (with locks) containing pneumatic tools, a wrench, a saw ratchet and several blades.
4. Respondent admits that on about April 13, 2002, "S.B." successfully bid on the items described above, paid approximately \$60.00 for them, locked the cabinets and arranged to pick them up about one day later.

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5. Respondent admits that between about April 13 and 14, 2002, he removed the items contained in the cabinets, described in paragraph 3 above, did not deliver the contents to "S.B." and later auctioned them to another client.
6. Respondent admits the conclusions of unprofessional conduct as set forth below in the Order.
7. Respondent understands that an Administrative Law Officer ("A.L.O.") must review and accept the terms of the Consent Order. If the A.L.O. rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.
8. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
9. Respondent waives any notification and agrees to have this document reviewed at the next available opportunity. Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the A.L.O. during review of this agreement have prejudiced his rights to a fair and impartial hearing in future hearings if this agreement is not accepted.
10. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time he signs this Stipulation and Consent Order.
11. Respondent voluntarily enters this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.
12. Respondent voluntarily waives his right to charges and a contested hearing before the A.L.O.
13. Respondent agrees that the A.L.O. may set forth the order below.

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ORDER

Based on the stipulation above it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

A. By engaging in the acts, omissions and/or circumstances described above, Respondent acted unprofessionally pursuant to, and in violation of: 3 VSA § 129a(a)(3) (Failing to comply with the provisions of federal or state statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession) and 32 V.S.A. § 7601 (Secretary of state may revoke a license so granted when in his or her judgment the public good requires).

B. The Respondent is **REPRIMANDED**.

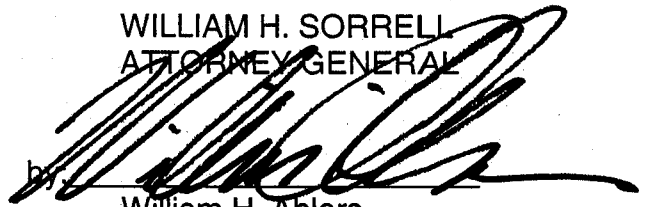
C. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a).

D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

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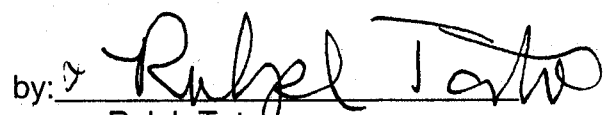
WILLIAM H. SORRELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dated: 5/21/03

by: 
William H. Ahlers
Assistant Attorney General

RALPH TATRO
RESPONDENT

Dated: 5/19/03

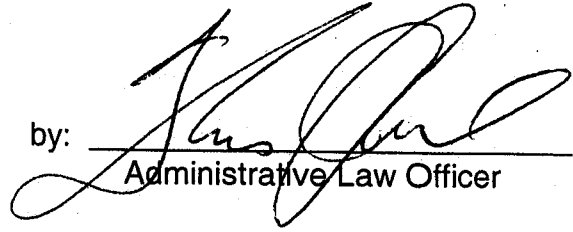
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APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

Dated: 7/28/03

Date of Entry: 7/28/03

by: 
Administrative Law Officer

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