

# Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board

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VIA- Certified Mail

July 12, 2022

TJ Murphy Masonry and Roofing Martin Lawrence

Registration/License Number: Complain Associated with Violation: C-C-10880

RE: FINAL ORDER -Disciplinary Action- Violation # V-6570

On or about June 21, 2022, you were provided with notice that the Rhode Island Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board determined that you were in violation of the following section(s) of Rhode Island General Law and intended to assess civil penalties as proposed

#### Violation

5-65-3(a) - Bid to do work or arrange work without a valid registration

## **Violation Penalty**

1,000

#### Description

Bid to do work without a Valid Registration

#### Violation

3-65-3(I) - Advertising while not being registered

## **Violation Penalty**

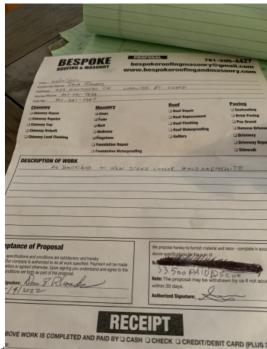
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## Description

On June 6, 2022, at approximately 10:00am, at 242 Miantonomo Drive, Warwick, I observed an Receipt for work performed by TJ Murphy Masonry and Roofing, from a different company altogether, advertising the services of Bespoke Roofing & Masonry, to perform (painting/carpentry/construction/etc).

A check of the name/company showed that name/company was not registered with the CRLB.

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Advertising without being Registered

#### Violation

5-65-3(m) - Failure to secure permits prior to commencing work

## Violation Penalty

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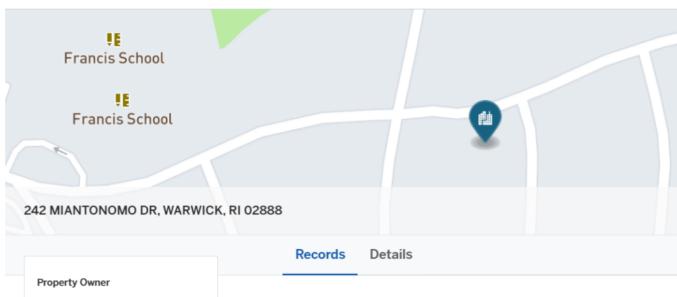
## Description

On June 6, 2022, at approximately 10:00 am, I performed an Inspection for work the respondent had performed at 242 Miantonomo Drive, Warwick, building a cosmetic stone wall, walkway and stone facade to the Exterior of the front entrance of the house. This work is of the type which requires that a building/electrical/plumbing/mechanical permit be taken out prior to commencing work.

Upon request, the respondent could not produce the required permit along with a check of the Warwick Permitting Database showed that no permit had been issued by Warwick.

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## Records

Record #	Record Type
21-7785	Residential Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detector C
5277	Building Permit

#### Violation

5-65-3(o) - Failure to have written contract when work performed is in excess of \$1,000.00

## Violation Penalty

1,000

## Description

Respondent entered in an agreement to perform work at 242 Miantonomo Drive, Warwick on or about May 4, 2022. The agreed upon value of the work was \$33,500.00.

Respondent stated that there was no written contract. Upon request, no written contract was produced.

#### Violation

5-65-3(p) - Failure to provide notice of right of rescission as stipulated in all pertinent Rhode Island consumer protection laws and/or § 5-65-27, if applicable. (Age 60 or older)

## **Violation Penalty**

1,000

## Description

Contracts for work require a right of recission when the consumer is an elderly person as defined in R.I. Gen. Law  $\S42$ -66-4.1 (60 years old). Here, the consumer has a date a birth of 1942, thus making them  $\sim$  80 years old. As there was no written contract, the required right of recission was not provided to the consumer.

#### Violation

5-65-10(a)(10) - Performed work, or arranged to perform work, without a valid registration.

## **Violation Penalty**

1,000

#### Description

On May 4, 2022, the respondent entered into an agreement to perform masonary and general construction work at 242 Miantonomo Drive Warwick. This work is of the type which requires registration with the CRLB.

A check of the CRLB Registration database showed that the respondent was not registered with the CRLB

#### Violation

5-65-10(a)(12) - Contractor performed improper work

#### **Violation Penalty**

1,000

#### Description

On or about May 4, 2022, respondent performed the following work and Upon inspection, this work was deemed improper because:

Stone was bought without the homeowners input or approval.

There is no continuity or aesthetically acceptable excuse for the way the stone was laid, it is uneven both horizontally as well as perpendicularly.

Walls buldging away from the structure at the highest point of the right side entrance wall, the main facade is also buldging away at the front light, the midpoint of the wall as well as the highest point of the left entrance wall.

The stairs themselves are drastically pitched away from the home, and the landing is pitched towards center point at an odd pitch, making an awkward and uneven surface across the landing.

Sloppy mortar work, staining the surrounding siding and eaves, , everything covered in splatter, windows covered in cement dust, and debris.

Overall poor Quality of the work performed .

#### Violation

5-65-10(a)(14) - Failure to complete a project(s) for construction or willfully failed to comply with the terms of a contract or written warranty.

## **Violation Penalty**

1,000

#### Description

On or about May 4, 2022 the consumer and respondent entered into an agreement/ written contract to Reface a porch, renovate a staircase, construct a stone wall and walkway, etc...

On or about May 24, 2022, the Respondent ceased performing work prior to the completion of the project, ceased communication, and has not returned to perform and or finish the project.

#### Violation

5-65-18 - Failure to provide mechanic's lien notice

## **Violation Penalty**

1,000

## Description

Contracts for work require notice that the contractor provide the consumer with a notice that the contractor may file a lien in accordance with the Mechanic' Lien Law, as found in R.I. Gen. Law 34-28. As there was no written contract, the required notice was not provided to the consumer.

Fine amount: \$11,000

Because you did not request a hearing within the time allowed, the Proposed Order has converted to a Final Order. The fines, as listed above, are now due and payable. If payment is not received within twenty (20) days, your case may be referred to the Office of the Attorney General for criminal prosecution pursuant to RIGL § 5-65-19.

Alternatively, you may appeal this Final Order in writing, within twenty (20) days of the date of this mailing to the Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board. For additional information, please see our website at www.crb.ri.gov, or contact us by telephone at (401) 921-1590.

Sincerely,

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