

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION  
CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD  
560 JEFFERSON BLVD., SUITE 100  
WARWICK, RI 02889**

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**CHRISTOPHER RILEY,**

*Respondent.*

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**VIOLATION NO. 6904**

**GC #33070**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

The Department of Business Regulation (“Department”), by and through the Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Board (“CRLB”), and Christopher Riley (“Respondent”)(collectively, the “Parties”), hereby consent and agree that:

1. On January 16, 2024, a complaint was filed with the CRLB regarding incomplete work performed by Respondent for home renovation projects between May and August of 2023 (“Complaint”) at 39 Westwood Rd., Lincoln, RI 02865 (“Site”).
2. On February 3, 2024, in response to an e-mail request from the Chief of the CRLB, the Respondent provided a list of the subcontractors he used for construction performed at the Site; the list of contractors included Mr. Daniel Suarez, of Rhodemas Flooring.
3. Respondent stated to the Chief of the CRLB that he hired the subcontractors mentioned in ¶ 2 and they performed work at the Site.
4. Mr. Suarez was not registered with the CRLB during the period of construction at the Site.
5. The Complainant (and owner of the Site) and the Respondent did not sign a written contract for the completion of construction at the Site.
6. According to a February 20, 2023, proposal for work to be performed at the Site, the total cost to the Complainant was twenty-two thousand and fourteen dollars (\$22,014.00).
7. According to an August 20, 2023 invoice, the total cost to the Complainants for work at the Site increased to twenty-five thousand one hundred and sixty dollars and forty cents (\$25,160.40).
8. On March 5, 2024, the CRLB issued the Respondent a *Notice of Intent to Assess Civil Penalty and Opportunity for Hearing – Proposed Order Disciplinary Action – Violation # V-6904* (“Notice”).

9. On March 17, 2024, the CRLB received the Notice appeal request from Respondent, wherein Respondent forthrightly admitted to both hiring an unregistered subcontractor and failing to include a mechanic's lien in his contract with the Complainant.

### **DISCIPLINARY HISTORY**

10. On or about November 29, 2021, the CRLB became aware of Respondent's construction work at 535 Seven Mile Rd., Cranston during August of 2019, for which there was no written contract and the agreed upon total cost of said construction was twenty-six thousand and fifty dollars (\$26,050.00).
11. On January 25, 2022, the CRLB sent Respondent a *Notice of Intent to Assess Civil Penalty and Opportunity for Hearing – Proposed Order Disciplinary Action – Violation # V-6247*; ultimately Respondent resolved the violation by paying a two-hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) penalty, reduced from one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) because it was his first offense.

### **STATEMENT OF LAW**

12. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(j):

A contractor including, but not limited to, a general contractor, shall not hire any subcontractor or other contractor to work on a structure unless the contractor is registered under this chapter or exempt from registration under the provisions of § 5-65-2.

13. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(o):

All work performed, including labor and materials, in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be accompanied by a contract in writing.

14. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(o), the contract in writing shall also include a notice of mechanic's lien.

15. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10, "[t]he board or office may revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue, reinstate or reissue a registration if the board or office determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing:

- (1) That the registrant or applicant has violated § 5-65-3 or any other provision of this chapter or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

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## CONDITIONS

16. The Parties have agreed to an amicable resolution of this matter without an administrative hearing subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. On or before **August 23, 2024**, Respondent shall deliver an administrative penalty made payable to the “RI General Treasurer” in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the CRLB for hiring Mr. Suarez, an unregistered subcontractor, to perform work at the Site, and for failing to reduce the agreement for construction work at the Site to writing, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(j) and § 5-65-3(o), respectively;
- b. Respondent shall complete one set of five (5) continuing education courses listed on the document entitled “Pre-Registration Classes Available for New Contractors,” and submit evidence of said completion to the CRLB on or before **October 18, 2024**; and
- c. Respondent enters into this Consent Agreement knowingly, voluntarily and of his own free will.

19. *Final Determination.* The parties agree that this Consent Agreement and its terms represent the final determination of this matter.

20. *Waiver of Hearing and Appeal.* By agreeing to resolve this matter through the execution of this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives any right to an administrative hearing and waives any right to pursue an appeal to the Superior Court under the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1, *et seq.*

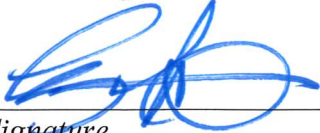
21. *Enforcement.* If Respondent fails to comply with any term or condition of this Consent Agreement within any applicable time period set forth herein, the Respondent will be in violation hereunder and the Department shall be entitled to immediately take enforcement or other action in accordance with applicable law.

22. *Compliance; Laws.* Compliance with the terms of this Consent Agreement does not relieve Respondent of any obligation to comply with other applicable laws or regulations administered by or through the Department of any other governmental agency.

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**SIGNATURE PAGE**

For the Department:



*Signature*  
Anthony Whitfield  
Chief, CRLB

Date: 8/23/24

Respondent:



*Signature*  
By: Christopher Riley

Date: 8-23-2024

## **PRE-Registration CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR NEW CONTRACTORS**

### **Provider Code 1**

RHODE ISLAND BUILDERS ASSOCIATION            401-438-7400  
450 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY, EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914  
<https://ribuilders.org/new-contractor-licenses-registration/> [ribuilders.org]  
For more information email: [bsalvas@ribuilders.org](mailto:bsalvas@ribuilders.org)

#### **Course Total**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
1-1	1.0	INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
1-2	1.0	INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION CODES/STANDARDS
1-3	1.0	INTRODUCTION TO COMMON CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS AND REG AGENCY
1-4	1.0	INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES
1-5	1.0	INTRODUCTION TO WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY***

\*\*\* Please Note: Courses 1-1 through 1-5 are only offered together in a 5-hour class.

### **Provider Code 13**

Contractor Training Institute  
47 COWESETT AVENUE, WEST WARWICK, RI 02893  
<https://www.masseti.com>  
For more information email: [Shella.mccarthy@masseti.com](mailto:Shella.mccarthy@masseti.com) or 401-626-8226

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13-1	1.0	FUNDAMENTALS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
13-2	1.0	FUNDAMENTALS OF RHODE ISLAND CONSTRUCTION CODES AND STANDARDS
13-3	1.0	FUNDAMENTALS OF THE R.I. CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD
13-4	1.0	FUNDAMENTALS OF CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES
13-5	1.0	FUNDAMENTALS OF WORKPLACE SAFETY