

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

<p>IN THE MATTER OF:</p> <p>ERIC WINN,</p> <p><i>Respondent.</i></p>	<p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">VIOLATION NO. 6870</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GC #27153</p>
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CONSENT AGREEMENT

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

1. On December 11, 2023, complaint C-23-478 (“Complaint”) was filed with the CRLB for improper and/or negligent work on various home improvement projects performed by the Respondent at 18 Meadowrue Trail, Narragansett, RI 02874 (“Site”) between the dates of September 19, 2023 and November 24, 2023.
2. On January 15, 2024, the CRLB received from Respondent a list of subcontractors that performed work at the Site, which contained an individual, Frank Centolella, who was not registered with the CRLB; Mr. Centolella’s prior registration had expired on January 31, 2018.
3. On February 14, 2024, the CRLB issued the Respondent a *Notice of Intent to Assess Civil Penalty and Opportunity for Hearing – Proposed Order Disciplinary Action – Violation # V-6870* (“Notice”), which stated that Respondent admitted to hiring Mr. Centolella for work at the Site.
4. On March 6, 2024, the CRLB received the Notice appeal request from Respondent.

STATEMENT OF LAW

5. 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.

6. 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

7. In consideration for the Respondent’s forthright acceptance of responsibility, 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 **September 13, 2024**, Respondent shall deliver to the CRLB an administrative penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), made payable to the “RI General Treasurer,” for his violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(j) in hiring an unregistered subcontractor;
 - b. On or before **October 11, 2024**, Respondent shall perform and submit evidence thereof to the CRLB of ten (10) hours of continuing education courses, which shall include the following:
 - 1-028 2.5 Understanding the Rhode Island Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Law
 - 1-029 2.5 Complete Review of the Rules and Regulations regarding Contractors
 - 20-175 5 R.I. Contracting Education; and
 - c. Respondent enters into this Consent Agreement knowingly, voluntarily and of his own free will.
8. *Final Determination.* The parties agree that this Consent Agreement and its terms represent the final determination of this matter.
9. *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.*
10. *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.
11. *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.

SIGNATURE PAGE

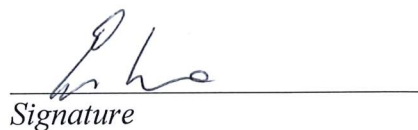
For the Department:



Signature
Anthony Whitfield
Chief, CRLB

Date: 9/11/2024

Respondent:



Signature
By: Mr. Eric Winn

Date: 9/13/24