

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION  
JOHN O. PASTORE CENTER  
1511 PONTIAC AVENUE – BLDG. 68-1  
CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND 02920**

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**GBENGA BALOGUN d/b/a  
BALOW AUTO SALES,**

**RESPONDENT**

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**DBR NO. 13AB038**

**FINAL ORDER**

This matter was initiated with an Order to Show Cause Why Cease and Desist Order Should Not Issue (Order to Show Cause”) filed by the Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) against Gbenga Balogun d/b/a Balow’s Auto Sales (“Respondent”) on April 17, 2013 alleging that the Respondent had engaged in unlicensed automobile body repair in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-38-1, *et seq.*


On May 7, 2013, a Hearing Officer for the Department issued a Temporary Cease and Desist Order against the Respondent, ordering him to cease and desist from performing or contracting for any and all automobile body repair work requiring licensure.

On August 8, 2013, the parties appeared at a pre-hearing conference at the Department. At that time, the parties advised the Hearing Officer that the Respondent agreed to the entry of a Permanent Restraining Order, and that one or two complainants wished to withdraw their complaint. At the request of counsel for the Respondent, the Department agreed that the Respondent would attempt to resolve the one remaining complaint against him, and he was given thirty (30) days to effectuate that resolution.

On September 30, 2013, the undersigned Hearing Officer was advised via electronic mail from Department's counsel that both complaints against the Respondent had been resolved to the Department's satisfaction, and that the Temporary Restraining Order in place in this matter would become permanent.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority conferred in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-38-19(b), the Hearing Officer recommends that the Director issue an Order that the Respondent is, and shall be permanently restrained and enjoined from engaging in or contracting to perform any and all automobile body repair work requiring licensure and that said Order shall extend to the performance of all activities for which licensure by the Department is required; including but not limited to automobile wrecking and salvage.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.

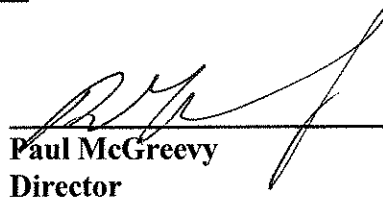
  
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Ellen R. Balasco, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**ORDER**

**I have read the Hearing Officer's Recommendation in this matter, and I hereby take the following action with regard to the Recommendation:**

- ADOPT**
- REJECT**
- MODIFY**

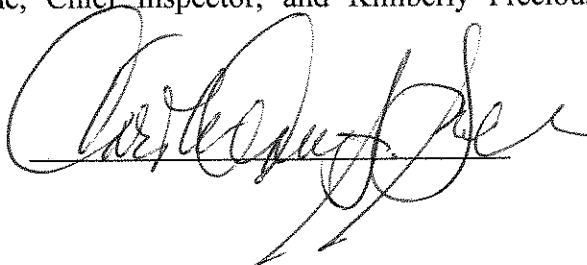
Dated: 10 Oct 2013

  
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Paul McGreevy  
Director

ENTERED as Administrative Order <sup>13-</sup>~~12-~~ 044, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify on this 15<sup>th</sup> the day of October, 2013 that a true copy of the within Order was sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to counsel for Respondent: Edward A. Shapira, Esq., at Calart Tower, 400 Reservoir Avenue, Providence, RI 02907; and by electronic mail to Neena Sinha Savage, counsel for the Department, Maria D'Alessandro, Deputy Director, Commercial Licensing, John Mancone, Chief Inspector, and Kimberly Precious, Implementation Aide, Auto Body Licensing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. D'Amico", written over a horizontal line.