

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Proceedings by the Commissioner of Banking)
and Insurance, State of New Jersey, to fine,)
suspend and/or revoke the motor vehicle)
installment seller license of Rodriguez 21st)
Ave Service Center, Reference No. 1602443.)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

TO: Rodriguez 21st Ave Service Center, Inc.
241 21st Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey 07501

THIS MATTER having been opened by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (“Commissioner”), upon information that Rodriguez 21st Ave Service Center (“Respondent”), may have violated various provisions of the Retail Installment Sales Act of 1960, N.J.S.A. 17:16C-1 to -61 (“Act”); and

WHEREAS, Respondent is currently licensed as a motor vehicle installment seller pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:16C-2; and

WHEREAS, Respondent is subject to the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:16C-2, no person shall engage in or continue to engage in the business of a motor vehicle installment seller in this State without first obtaining a license from the Commissioner as provided for in the Act;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:16C-10(a)(1), the Commissioner may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a license or impose a penalty pursuant to the Act if the Commissioner finds, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that any person, applicant for or holder of the

license has violated any of the provisions the Act or any order, rule or regulation made or issued pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:16C-10(a)(5), the Commissioner may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a license or impose a penalty pursuant to the Act if the Commissioner finds, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that any person, applicant for or holder of the license has demonstrated unworthiness, incompetence, bad faith or dishonesty in the transacting of business as a licensee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:16C-10(a)(6), the Commissioner may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a license or impose a penalty pursuant to the Act if the Commissioner finds, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that any person, applicant for or holder of the license has engaged in any other conduct which would be deemed by the Commissioner to be the cause for denial of the license; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:16C-55, any person, and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative thereof, who or which shall engage in this State in the business of a motor vehicle installment seller without having first obtained a license, as required by the Act, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 for each offense; and

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IT APPEARING that Respondent's motor vehicle installment seller license expired on July 1, 2017; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that Respondent renewed the expired license May 1, 2019; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that from July 1, 2017 to May 1, 2019, Respondent was not licensed to engage in the motor vehicle installment sales business in New Jersey; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that despite being unlicensed from July 1, 2017 to May 1, 2019, Respondent sold at least two automobiles with accompanying installment sales contracts in New Jersey;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that by selling at least two automobiles with accompanying installment sales contracts in New Jersey without being licensed to do so, Respondent violated N.J.S.A. 17:16C-2; N.J.S.A. 17:16C-10(a)(1), (a)(5), and (a)(6); and N.J.S.A. 17:16C-55; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that each act of selling an installment sales contract without being licensed to do so constitutes a separate violation of the Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS on this 25th day of November 2019,

ORDERED that Respondent appear and show cause why his motor vehicle installment seller license shall not be revoked, pursuant N.J.S.A. 17:16C-10(a)(1), (a)(5), and (a)(6); and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent appear and show cause why the Commissioner should not assess a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation of the Act, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:16C-55; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent has the right to request an administrative hearing, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, at their own expense, to take testimony, to call or cross-examine witnesses, to have subpoenas issued, and to present evidence or argument if a hearing is requested; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that unless a request for a hearing is received within twenty (20) days of the service of this Order to Show Cause, the right to a hearing in this matter shall be deemed to have been waived by Respondent and the Commissioner shall dispose of this matter in accordance with law. A hearing may be requested by mailing the request to Paulette Sibblies-Flagg, Department of Banking and Insurance, P.O. Box 040, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. A copy of the request for a hearing shall also be sent to Deputy Attorney General Garen Gazaryan at

P.O. Box 117, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 and fax (609)777-3503. The request shall contain the following:

- A. Respondent's full name, address, and daytime telephone number;
- B. A statement referring to each charge alleged in this Order to Show Cause and identifying any defense intended to be asserted in response to each charge. Where the defense relies on facts not contained in the Order to Show Cause, those specific facts must be stated;
- C. A specific admission or denial of each fact alleged in this Order to Show Cause. Where Respondent has no specific knowledge regarding a fact alleged in the Order to Show Cause, a statement to that effect must be contained in the hearing request. Allegations of this Order to Show Cause not answered in the manner set forth above shall be deemed to have been admitted; and
- D. A statement requesting a hearing.


Marlene Caride
Commissioner