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August 27, 2002

Mr. Michael Bartone

Re: **ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST IMPERSONATION OF A CERTIFIED NEW JERSEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-BASIC AND IMPERSONATION OF A CERTIFIED NEW JERSEY PARAMEDIC**
Investigation Control # 02-C-031

Dear Mr. Bartone:

It has come to the attention of this Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) that you recently impersonated a New Jersey Emergency Medical Technician-Basic and a New Jersey Paramedic. Specifically, OEMS staff has learned that on June 20, 2002 you identified yourself as a paramedic and later as an EMT. However, a review of OEMS records clearly indicates that you are not now, nor have you ever been, certified by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services as an EMT-Basic. In addition, OEMS staff contacted State OEMS offices in New York and Pennsylvania, as well as the National Registry of EMTs and Paramedics, who all confirmed that you are not currently, nor have ever been certified as an EMT or paramedic.

On June 20, 2002 at approximately 8:00 p.m. you were present at Lake Mohawk, Sussex County, New Jersey when a water skier was injured in the lake. After being removed from the lake, Allison Smith, a valid New Jersey Emergency Medical Technician-Basic who was also a member of the local volunteer ambulance squad, identified herself and offered her services. You identified yourself as a paramedic, told her that there were enough highly trained people around, her services were not needed and to leave. Then Ms. Smith returned with a Sparta Police Officer, to whom you identified yourself as an EMT. At that time, she was granted access to the patient. In providing her with a verbal patient report you advised her you found no neurological deficits, no breathing problems, and that she had an injury to her left side. Ms. Smith assumed patient care responsibilities and awaited the arrival of the ambulance.

During a telephone interview with OEMS on July 30, 2002, you confirmed that you identified yourself to the police officer as an EMT from New York. Additionally, you said, "My only crime was that I misidentified myself."

N.J.A.C. 8:40A-9.1 sets forth the complete list of standards for certification as a New Jersey EMT-Basic, and N.J.A.C. 8:41-4.9 sets the requirements for certification as a New Jersey Paramedic. Only those individuals that have met those qualifications and have been officially certified by this Department's OEMS may hold themselves out to the public as an EMT-Basic or Paramedic. In the event that an individual represents himself as being a certified EMT-Basic when, in fact, he or she is not so certified, this Department is obligated to take steps to halt such activity.

As such, you are hereby **ordered to immediately CEASE AND DESIST** any further representations that you are a certified New Jersey EMT-Basic or New Jersey Paramedic. Additionally, you are barred from future certification as a New Jersey EMT or Paramedic. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-16, failure to comply with this Order may result in an action by this Department for injunctive relief in the Superior Court of New Jersey. This Order constitutes a final agency decision. As such, pursuant to New Jersey Court Rule 2:23, should you choose to contest this decision, your right to appeal rests with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division. Finally, please be advised that by copy of this letter, both the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and the Sparta Police Department are being notified of this action.

Your full cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. William Dougan of my office at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,

Susan Way, Director
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