

April 22, 2005

Mr. John Zasowski

Re: **Notice of Summary Suspension:**

**EMT-Basic Certification/EMT-Paramedic Certification #826**  
Investigation Control # 05-C-34

Dear Mr. Zasowski:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7, et seq., which govern the provision of advanced life support services within the State of New Jersey and the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1, et seq., which was enacted, in part, to ensure that all hospital and related health care services rendered in the State of New Jersey are of the highest quality. As defined at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-2b, health care services include any pre-hospital care rendered by paramedical and ambulance services. These laws establish a scheme that permits certain individuals, once certified, to perform basic life support (BLS) and/or advanced life support (ALS) services. In furtherance of the objectives set forth in the statutes, the Department of Health and Senior Services (the Department) has adopted regulations that govern the training, certification and professional conduct of EMT-Basics and EMT-Paramedics. See N.J.A.C. 8:40A-1.1, et seq. and N.J.A.C. 8:41-1.1, et seq.

On March 24, 2005, the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received an anonymous complaint that you were arrested and charged with sexual assault upon a 13 year-old victim in Hudson County, New Jersey. OEMS confirmed these charges verbally on March 28, 2005 with the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office. Subsequent investigation confirmed that the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office was seeking an indictment against you.

On April 22, 2005, OEMS received written confirmation from the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office that a criminal complaint had been filed against you in connection with events occurring on or about February 9, 2005. According to the criminal

complaint, you are being charged with the crime of sexual assault upon R.A.M., age 13, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(c)4. In addition, in connection with the same set of facts, you are being charged with endangering the welfare of a child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4; and child abuse, in violation of N.J.S.A. 9:6-1.

N.J.A.C. 8:41A-5.2(a), states that, "The Commissioner, or his or her designee, may summarily suspend a person's EMT-Paramedic certification when, in his or her opinion, the continued certification of that person poses an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare."

N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.2(a) states that, "The Commissioner, or his or her designee, may summarily suspend a person's EMT-Basic and/or EMT-Instructor certification when, in his or her opinion, the continued certification of that person poses an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare."

Because of the seriousness of the charges levied against you, the Department finds that your continued certification as an EMT-Paramedic and/or EMT-Basic constitutes an immediate threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public. **Therefore, your certification as an EMT-Paramedic and EMT-Basic is immediately suspended and shall remain suspended pending a full OEMS investigation into this matter.** You may not, under any circumstances, act in the capacity of or perform the duties of an EMT-Paramedic or EMT-Basic in New Jersey during this period of suspension. You will be notified when OEMS has completed its investigation into this matter, at which time you will be advised what action(s), if any, will be taken with respect to your EMT-Paramedic and/or EMT-Basic certifications.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:41A-5.3(a) and N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.3(a), you have the right to appeal to the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services for an emergent hearing before the Office of Administrative Law to contest this summary suspension. If the summary suspension is upheld at the Office of Administrative Law, you have the right to apply for injunctive relief in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Your request for an emergent hearing on this matter must be submitted in writing and must be accompanied by a response to the charges contained herein. Please include the control number 05-C-34 on your correspondence, and forward your request to:

New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services  
Office of Legal & Regulatory Affairs  
P.O. Box 360, Room 805  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0360  
Attn: Ms. Michele Stark

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Samuel Stewart, Esq. of my office at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,

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Director  
Office of Emergency Medical Services

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