



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

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MATTHEW D'ORIA  
Acting Commissioner

February 2, 2010

Robert Parr

Re: **Notice of Summary Suspension:  
EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic Certification # 513997  
Investigation Control # 10-C-001**

Dear Mr. Parr:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (the Department) 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 has adopted administrative rules that govern the training, certification and professional conduct of EMT-Basics, EMT-Basic Instructors and EMT-Paramedics. See N.J.A.C. 8:40A-1.1, et seq. and N.J.A.C. 8:41A-1.1, et seq.

On January 27, 2010, the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received a complaint from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office that you received a summons on December 4, 2009, for possession of child pornography. The OEMS opened an investigation in response to this complaint.

According to documentation obtained by the OEMS from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, you were charged on December 4, 2009 with knowingly possessing a video computer file which depicts a child engaged in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such an act, a violation of the fourth degree. Consequently, the New Jersey State Police signed Complaint-Summons # S-2009-000278-1329, charging you

with one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(b).

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 crime with which you have been charged, the Department finds that your continued certification as an EMT-Basic and an EMT-Paramedic constitutes an immediate and serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public. **Therefore, your certification as an EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic is immediately suspended and shall remain suspended indefinitely.** You may not, under any circumstances, act in the capacity of or perform the duties of an EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic in New Jersey during this period of suspension. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:41A-4.1(f) and N.J.A.C. 8:40A-7.1(f), certification cards are the property of the Department and shall be immediately surrendered upon demand. You are hereby directed to immediately surrender your EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic certification card(s) to the OEMS, either by U.S. mail to the address on the first page of this Notice or by physical delivery to Department of Health and Senior Services, OEMS, John Fitch Way, Market and Warren Streets, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton, NJ, 08611. The OEMS will continue to investigate this matter. You will be notified when the OEMS has completed its investigation, at which time you will be advised what action(s), if any, will be taken with respect to your EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic 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 10-C-001 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

**Finally, please note that failure to submit a request for a hearing within 30 days from the date of this Notice shall be interpreted as an acceptance of this Department's decision, thereby negating any further appeal rights.**

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Samuel Stewart, Regulatory Officer, at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,



Karen Halupke, RN, M.Ed.

Director

Emergency Medical Services

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- Donald Roberts, OEMS
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- National Registry of EMTs
- Kevin Clark, Monmouth County Prosecutor Case # 10-000088
- MONOC
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CERTIFIED MAIL #  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED